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Water line break upsets community

By KARA SWINK

UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

As on-campus students prayed for water to be turned back on Tuesday, University officials took control by supplying 9,000 bottles of water to them.

At 5:30 p.m. Wednesday the University was still waiting to hear whether or not the boil order had been lifted, said Mark Hetzler, residential life director.

"Everything so far is going well," Hetzler said. "The city's water department is anticipating test results to come back in by Thursday morning."

If the University's water does not pass, another sample will be tested which will take another 24 to 48 hours.

The problem began when a major water distribution line broke east of Maryville early Monday morning, causing water to become contaminated. A 48-hour boil order was issued for the city and the Maryville schools were dismissed early.

"When customers start losing water in town, we have to issue a boil order because we don't know what goes in the line if there's no water in there," said Greg Decker, Public Works director.

The Northwest water supply remained safe Monday because University officials decided to keep water lines separated from the city's lines and rely on the campus water tower. However, when water pressure was lost, the University turned off water lines on

campus at 3 a.m. Tuesday.

Later that morning the Northwest crisis response team met and decided there was not enough water to keep campus buildings running, said Kent Porterfield, vice president of student affairs.

"Yesterday (Tuesday) was really rough on everybody," Hetzler said. "But it was nice to see everyone on campus pull together and work as a team."

After residents in Hudson Hall were without water for more than 14 hours, freshman Nathan Evans said not being able to shower was killing him.

"I don't like to be dirty," he said.

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PHOTO BY ANN HARMAN/FEATURES EDITOR
Maryville High School students were let out of classes early Monday due to the water main break. Students in dorms at Northwest had to wait until Tuesday at 8 p.m. to take showers.

Reserves almost dry with cuts still possible

By SARA SLEYSER

MANAGING EDITOR

Northwest's budget situation remains uncertain as future withholdings from the state linger as a possibility.

"I think going into this year we look as good as one could hope," University President Dean Hubbard said. "If we would experience another round of cuts it will start getting difficult."

In January the state cut 10 percent from the University's \$32 million appropriation, reducing the school's budget to nearly \$29 million, said Ray Courter, vice president for finance.

"We were very uncomfortable building out the budget," Courter said. "We spent \$2 million in reserves just to get us through last year and we don't have that this time."

When making this year's budget, administrators withheld 10 percent of the University's \$29 million as a buffer to compensate for the chance of another round of cuts.

"We just have to see where this year takes us," Courter said.

Students are seeing the effects of the state's shortfalls in the price of tuition, room and board and an additional surcharge. According to Hubbard, 45 percent of the University's students are classified as low-income.

"We have a unique challenge to hold tuition down," Hubbard said.

The latest surcharge is \$10 for every credit hour a student is enrolled in.

"I noticed my bill was higher," said history major Jonathan Cook.

Cook is taking 13 credit hours, which adds \$130 to his schooling costs.

"I should be able to afford it but it takes money away from other stuff like home entertainment and furnishing my new apartment," he said.

However, students are not seeing an impact in the instruction the University offers.

"We've still been able to protect our instructional budgets," Provost Taylor Barnes said.

Barnes said if more cuts occur, the University could not guarantee programs would remain the same.

"Our faculty and students might see larger classes and certain courses not offered as frequently as they are now," Barnes said.

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Rising Costs at Northwest			
Undergraduate	Graduate	In-State	Out-Of-State
Last Year: 125.00	207.25	1,154.25	267.00
This Year: 137.00	233.75	1,171.25	263.50
Percent of Increase: 9.6%	12.7%	1.02%	4.2%
Room and Board Charges			
Last Year: 4,322.00	This Year: 4,658.00		
Percent of Increase: 8.41%			

Source: Ray Courter

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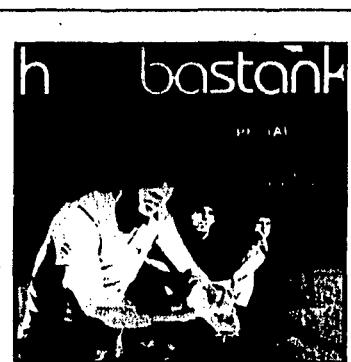
BASEBALL STRIKE?

Missourianonline.com will have coverage of the baseball strike on Friday afternoon with city reaction and campus thoughts.

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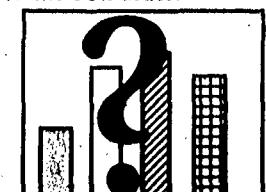


Entertainment

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Know something about this band? Write a web exclusive. See details online.

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What was your biggest inconvenience due to the boil order?



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Campaign opens door to future

By KARA SWINK

UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Northwest announced its mission to raise "\$21 million for the 21st century" to help keep tuition affordable for current and future Bearcats.

Northwest's capital campaign made its public debut Sunday in the Union Ballroom, where it was announced that \$12.9 million in gifts had already been received.

Not only has half the money been raised, but Northwest President Dean Hubbard also placed the four biggest events of Northwest's history into main pivotal points during the program. He started with the electronic campus, followed by the Missouri Quality Awards, the national championships and Sunday's event the capital campaign.

"I don't think I've ever been as proud to be an alumnus of Northwest as I do today," said Bud Edwards, treasurer of the campaign. "I want to tell you how thrilled I am that this campaign is taking flight."

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Dean ponders department position change

By MARJIE KOSMAN

EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Melvin D. and Valerie G. Booth College of Business and Professional Studies will soon be without a dean.

Ron DeYoung announced Friday that this would be his last year as dean of the Booth College.

"It's good to leave a position on a so-called high note," DeYoung said. "I'm very happy. The University is very happy. It's just good timing."



RON DEYOUNG
BUSINESS COLLEGE DEAN

De Young came to Northwest in 1984 from Western Michigan University where he was the associate dean of the college of business.

After stepping down as dean next year, DeYoung has thought about teaching in the management department, he said.

"I haven't made a decision yet, but I'm leaning that way," he said.

The University has not started looking for a new dean and is not sure when a search will begin, Provost Taylor Barnes said.

After 18 years as dean, DeYoung said one of his proudest moments is the recent signing of articulation

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Department reorganization gives responsibility

By MARJIE KOSMAN
EDITOR IN CHIEF

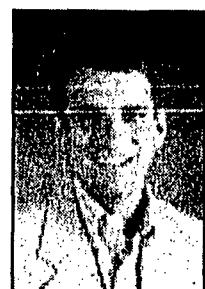
The department of communication and marketing underwent some reorganization this summer after Vice President Ken White resigned.

White's position was filled by Tom Vansaghi, former executive assistant to the president, however, the duties of the vice president position have been split. Vansaghi now serves as the University spokesperson and oversees the communication and marketing department. He also lobbies for the University at the capitol in Jefferson City and helps with strategic planning for Northwest.

Mitzi Lutz, director of information and marketing, is in charge of University relations and marketing.

The split of duties was due partly to budget constraints, but that was not the main reason for the restructuring, University President Dean Hubbard said.

"If we had not had Tom with his background, we would have hired somebody to fill that position," Hubbard said. "That particular posi-



TOM VANSAGHI
VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

tion is too important to compromise the quality of what's happening."

The decision to move Vansaghi into the position came after much discussion and was cleared through the communication and marketing department, Hubbard said.

"I'm confident that it will work well, mainly because of the talents they've already got," Hubbard said. "In any organization, winning teams always

build on the talents they've already got. You don't try to force somebody into a mold that they don't fit into. You take what they do and do well and rewrite all the job descriptions so you're building on everybody's strengths."

While the reorganization has given Lutz more responsibility, she is confident in the department's ability to run smoothly.

"We are all excited to work with Tom and things have been very good so far," she said.

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Construction, renovation continue

By SARA SLEYSER
MANAGING EDITOR

Construction projects started this summer overflow into the fall semester as faculty and students begin classes.

University improvements include parking lots, streets, the Foster Aquatic Center, Charles Johnson Theater and the Bell of '48.

The Aquatic Center will be closed for this semester while repairs are being made. The center was built 20 years ago and was not designed to handle the humidity and temperatures associated with an indoor pool, said Ray Courter, vice president of finance.

Workers are replacing old equipment, including pumps, filters and controls. New piping will be added to improve air conditioning and humidity to improve comfort levels, Courter said.

Construction was known enough in advance that courses were canceled for the semester or moved, HPERD chairman Terry Robertson said. Scuba classes will take place in St. Joseph and water aerobics classes were moved to Conception Abbey.

Other classes affected include all swimming and lifeguarding courses. "It's a small price to pay for a couple months," said Bob Lade, coordinator of the campus recreation center. "It's just inconvenient is all, but it'll be better when it's done."

Also closed, the Charles Johnson



PHOTO BY HILLARY MCKEY/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
A construction worker outside the Foster's Aquatic Center tries to correct mortar that is softening between the bricks. Over time this can severely damage a building.

Theater stage will not be opened until mid-September as the theatrical rigging is being upgraded.

"We couldn't do a complete renovation with costs," said Pat Immel, performance facility manager. "We're trying to balance safety and cost."

With the stage closed, some rehearsals were moved but no shows were affected, Immel said.

The Bell of '48 also made the sum-

mer to-do list. The bell's structure was rebuilt and concrete will be poured in the next two to three weeks, Courter said.

The original brick around the bell was left.

"We thought we'd keep that for its historic significance," Courter said.

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Information provided by Ray Courter, vice president of finance

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University, local bank team for new debit feature

By MARJIE KOSMAN
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Bearcat cards will soon be moving off campus.

The ID cards can currently be used on campus as debit cards at vending machines and washing machines or as a meal card in the Student Union, but in January the cards will be able to be used at off-campus merchants as a debit card.

Students and employees with a U.S. Bank account will be able to use

their Bearcat card as an ATM and debit card. Cardholders will have to punch in their personal identification number to authorize purchases so merchants must have PIN pad capability, University Treasurer Jeanette Whited said.

On-campus sites such as cashiering do not currently have PIN pad capabilities but the equipment is ordered, Whited said.

The debit card feature came after a year and one-half of planning

and several years of requests from students.

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Efficiency issues cause University to reduce number of departments

By TRISHA THOMPSON
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Academic departments merged this trimester in an effort to increase efficiency and save costs.

The department of communication and theatre arts and the department of modern languages have merged to create the department of communication, theatre and languages. The new chair of the department is Theophil Ross.

The function of the merger was to

be able to operate more effectively and spread resources, Ross said.

"The main benefit to both of the mergers is to allow for the departments with fewer faculty to not have the same burdens and responsibilities as larger departments," Ross said.

The political science department also experienced a department merge for the trimester. The department has merged with the history, humanities and philosophy departments to become the history, humanities, phi-

losophy and political science department. The new chair of the department is Richard Frucht and the Faculty Senate representative is Richard Fulton.

Frucht said many students overlap classes with their different majors and minors within the newly merged departments.

"We'll be able to serve those students very well," Frucht said. "That's certainly our intention."

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there is bound to be a level of discomfort.

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City revises Clean-Up program

By TRISHA THOMPSON
COPY EDITOR

Maryville's biannual Citywide Clean-Up program will be made into an annual event this year after the City Council decided to forego the fall run at their meeting Monday.

The Citywide Clean-Up is a program where the city picks up items, such as furniture, that are not usually handled by regular trash haulers. City Manager Matt Chesnut said each run of the four-day event costs about \$10,000.

Mayor Ron Moss said the situation with the closure of the landfill and only working with the transfer station also puts the city in a different position this year than in the past. The program requires unbudgeted money that the Council cannot spare for the service, members decided.

"I guess where I'm at is that we've exhausted this issue with the landfill," Councilman Brad Lager said. "We've really focused on how we turn that cost down ... I think once a year is more than enough. With how it is today, we're bearing costs that we haven't had to bear in the past and I think it's time we be fiscally responsible about this."

The program will run around April. The Council also discussed a collaborative street project with representatives from the Polk Township Board at the meeting.

A plan to pave or overlay existing roads currently in poor condition has snagged previous plans because of ownership issues, with sections of roads owned by the Polk Township, the county or city.

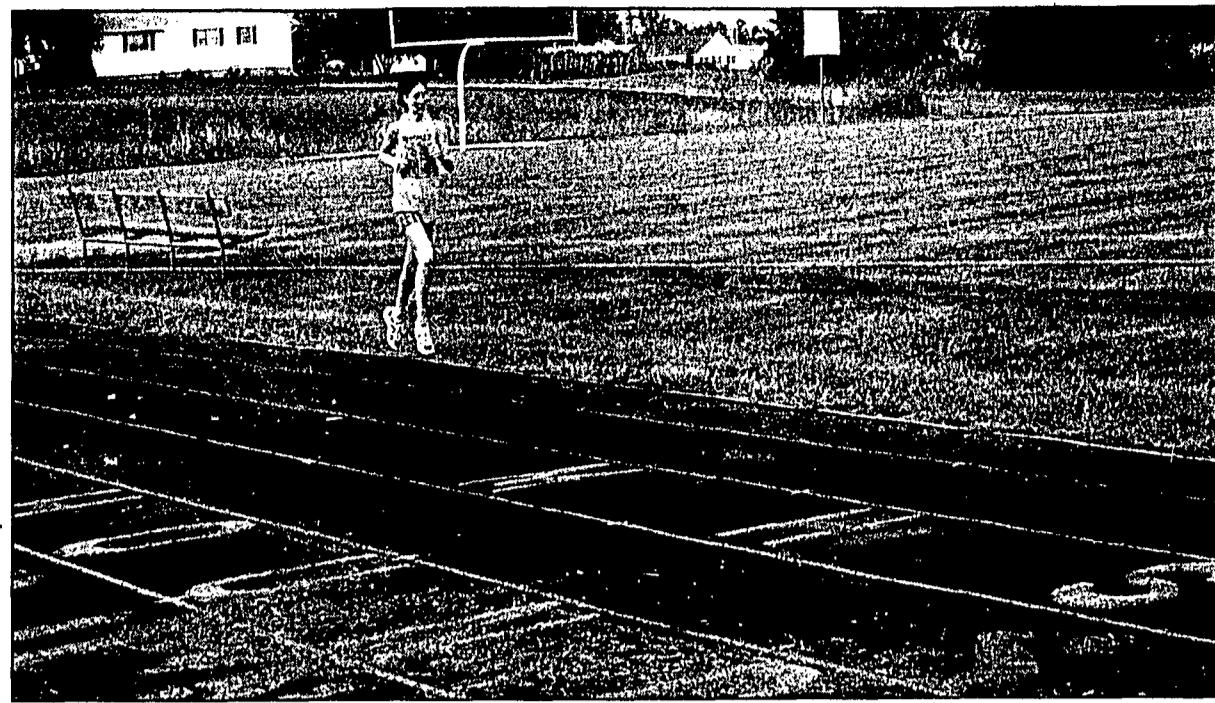
Voters will get the chance to deem the project important enough to spend their money on in November. A 35-cent tax levy will be on the ballot for these road improvements. If passed, \$500,000 each year for four years will be used for the project.

Greg Fisher, a member of the Polk Township Board, explained the option of rolling back the 35-cent levy if they received a federal grant or money from the county for the project.

The Council decided to write the project into the city's five-year plan for the permanent street project. The city will use budgeted money for the cost-share agreement.

"It's definitely an opportunity to get some road construction done," said Greg Decker, Public Works director. "I mean, it's half price."

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Maryville High School senior Laura Prokes continues to train on the school's well-worn track, despite water damage and dips that have often resulted in twisted ankles, shin splints and other injuries for fellow members of the girls track team.

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School Board takes action to repair deteriorating track

By ABBY SIMONS,
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

With a deteriorating surface, buckling asphalt and drainage problems, the condition of the high school track has members of the Maryville Board of Education saying enough is enough.

At last week's monthly meeting, members of the Board discussed whether immediate action should be taken for renovation of the 30-year-old track. Damages from water drainage under the asphalt have prevented Maryville track teams from hosting home meets the past two seasons, and, according to boys' track coach John Pelzer, taken a visible toll on both teams.

"The main thing is that when you're trying to build a track program and can't attract young runners because you're on the road 13 meets a year, that becomes a problem," said Pelzer. "We were frustrated last year and we didn't get the exposure that other schools do. We're one of the stronger teams in the conference and we'd much rather be performing in front of hometown fans instead of traveling two hours for a meet."

Tom Adams, assistant principal and activities director at Maryville High School, said new outdoor facilities will eliminate track-imposed health risks to student-athletes.

"Not only do our track teams use it, but other teams such as football and soccer use it for conditioning, so do our

P.E. classes," Adams said. "Right now, every time these kids run on it they get shin splints."

Adams said that as part of the renovation, the track will be expanded from six to eight lanes, giving the school the advantage of hosting conference track meets, including the Nodaway County and Hound relays. Construction of a new track will also benefit the community, which frequently take advantage of the facility for activities including Relay for Life, various walk-a-thons, and for individual recreational activities.

If the plan for renovation is implemented, construction on the track will begin Sept. 16 with initial groundwork, drainage and laying of asphalt to be completed by fall and the final rubberized coat applied next spring.

Ground work, drainage and asphalt improvements would be funded by the school district's reserve funds at a cost of about \$135,000. The final rubberized coat will be funded by proceeds from a bond issue that will be voted on next April. If the bond does not pass, the additional cost ranging from \$140,000 to \$150,000 will also be derived from the district's reserve funds with the total cost of the project not to exceed \$300,000.

Superintendent Jay Reese said other plans had been previously implemented to repair the track, but had been abandoned because of varying circumstances.

The first discussions regarding the track were to renovate while splitting the track between two fiscal years. However, due to the state's continuing budget crisis suffered by schools, the plan was eliminated. Other options included renovating the track in spring 2003 while using the Northwest track. Renovations at Rickenbrode Stadium forced the track to close until August 2003.

"We're now on plan C," Reese said. "This track is in a poor state of disrepair and it needs to be fixed."

While the track has been resurfaced and repaired a number of times since having been built, Reese said that it's time for a major renovation.

"We could just fix the asphalt, but the track would need to be fixed again in another three years," Reese said. "I believe that's throwing money down a rat hole. If we're going to fix it, we better fix it right."

Pelzer praised Reese's sentiments as well as the rest of the Board on taking action for the sake of the school's athletes.

"I'm very excited and I really applaud the Board for making this decision in trying to get this done," Pelzer said. "We shouldn't have to tell our runners to watch for the crack in lane six or the bubble in the first turn. Our athletes should just be able to train without cones or warning signs."

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Local newcomer takes city position

By TRISHA THOMPSON
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Some rearranging at City Hall made room for a new employee at the end of May. Matt Unrein was hired as the assistant city manager.

Unrein, who grew up in Blue Springs, received a bachelor's degree in history and government from Columbia College and recently received his master's degree in public administration from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

When applying for the position in Maryville, Unrein said he was looking for something different. The friendly people, the opportunity to work with City Manager Matt Chesnut and the laid-back lifestyle were the deciding factors.

"If you're looking for a change of pace, you know, slow down your life a little bit and get out of the rush hour, bumper to bumper traffic kind of scene, this is the perfect place to go," Unrein said. "That was kind of the way that me and my family were wanting to go. Kind of slow our life down a little bit."

As part of his assistant manager position, Unrein helps with day-to-day administrative duties, heading special committees and gathering information on city issues.

Chesnut said that Unrein has done a great job so far.

"He handles a lot more of the leg work I had to do and was real helpful on budget," Chesnut said.

Unrein described his work for the city as challenging.

"Every day is different," he said. "No two days have been the same."

Before taking his role in Maryville, Unrein worked in the community development department for the city of Independence.

"That's something we don't have, by definition, in Maryville, so what Matt (Chesnut) was hoping to do by bringing me in was kind of add that element and also get some assistance with some of the administrative things," Unrein said. "So, since I had some experience with working with different revitalization and economic development programs from the administrative side of it, it would give Maryville maybe some of those, employ some of those programs, too."

Some improvements Unrein would like to see in the near future would be a revitalization plan for the downtown area on the square and working to handle congestion on Business Hwy. 71.

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New owner makes changes to bar

By ANN HARMAN
FEATURES EDITOR

For nearly one month new bar owner Mick Hoskey has been changing and rearranging, but hopes Molly's will retain the familiar bar attitude many people know.

With new pool tables and five new lights, Molly's has taken on a subtle facelift. But even though Hoskey quickly made changes to the appearance of the bar, he knows the atmosphere has to remain the same.

"Our goal is to still be a fun place," Hoskey said. "You go to certain bars for certain things; the people that come here are here to dance and play pool. That's what we're all about."

And if keeping the token undergarments hanging above the DJ box is the way to keep those pool-playing, partying feelings, then that is exactly what Hoskey intends to do.

"The underwear are the property of the DJ so I'm not making him take them down," Hoskey said. "In the three weeks I've been the owner there've been three

contributions."

However, Hoskey thinks a few coming attractions, including a new big screen television, are needed to keep the loyal patrons of Molly's satisfied and Maryville Public Safety at ease.

The small summer staff of five remains at Molly's, but the addition of 15 new members offers better and faster service since more students have filled the town.

"(The staff members) are all real positive about the changes and have been real instrumental in helping," Hoskey said.

Finally, while specials run on Wednesday and Thursday nights, a new agreement made between bar owners and the city restricts bars from running specials on Friday and Saturday nights.

Although the reduction in specials may seem detrimental to some, fewer violations keep business flowing.

"I think the secret to being a good business person is being in touch with your customers and being available," Hoskey said.

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met once again with every major media outlet from across the country.

"I've spoken with Abbot Gregory since then and he handled this whole tragedy with amazing poise and strength," said Dan Madden, director of communications at Conception Abbey. "He really showed leadership that day, true leadership."

Polan credits not only "a strength that was not his own" for the composure shown throughout the ordeal, but also a partnership with Ben Espy, Nodaway County Sheriff, and Sgt. Sheldon Lyon of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, who each worked together to prevent the tragedy from becoming chaotic.

"Both the men were tremendous examples of service and support and assistance," Polan said. "In some mysterious way, all of the sudden, the three of us became a team. There was a mutual support and a mutual concern for one another. There was a great strength and sup-

port that came to me from them and I would hope went from me to them."

Espy, who continues to maintain close contact with Polan, credits the abbot's sheer strength in so courageously handling one of the greatest challenges of both their careers.

"I couldn't have wished for a more professional person to work with," Espy said. "His faith exceeded everything in helping him to deal with it all."

Espy attended the standing room only funeral service for the slain monks as well as a prayer service to commemorate the 30-day anniversary of the shootings in memory of Schuster, 85, the Abbey's greeter, a straightforward individual devoted to community service, and Larson, 64, the Abbey's groundskeeper known as "The Weather Monk" for his nearly always accurate weather forecasts and cartoons. Espy said he remains amazed not only by Polan's professionalism but also by the man himself.

"He's just one of those people that, when he talks, everyone listens," Espy said. "The words he uses make people stop and listen. It's very touching."

Mick Combs, a second-year student at Conception Seminary College, returned from his hometown of Grandview during summer break to attend the slain monk's wake.

"The most disturbing thing about it all was that I wasn't disturbed, because I knew that Father Philip and Brother Damian lived their lives in anticipation of meeting their Lord," Combs said. "It was a sense of, 'I hate to see you go. I'll miss you. Congratulations.'"

Since recently beginning the new academic year, Combs said he and his fellow seminarians are well on the road to recovery thanks to their faith and happy memories of the men they loved and respected. During a recent cookout when students experienced trouble lighting the charcoal, Combs said he and his class-

mates wished for the presence of Larson, a grilling expert who once oversaw the construction of a movable outdoor grill he affectionately labeled "The Holy Smoker."

"It's just one of those mysterious blows that life will deal," Combs said. "I just keep in mind the old saying that goes, 'Lord, I know that nothing will happen today that you and I can't get through together.'"

In the three months since the deaths of Schuster and Larson, Reichert has returned to the monastery, while Schappeler continues to recover in Conception Abbey's infirmary. No clear motive has been established by authorities as to why Jeffress, described by his neighbors at Kearney Senior Housing as a "loner," would target the countryside Abbey. Law enforcement officials may never know what exactly led Jeffress to Conception, but it is speculated that he was angry over a divorce and marriage annulment within

the Catholic church that occurred more than 20 years ago. Regardless of Jeffress' unknown motive, Polan said the importance of forgiveness far exceeds the question of why and demonstrated the concept by offering to Jeffress' estranged family members a Christian burial for the shooter, which they declined.

"I just felt it was the Christian thing to do," he said.

Despite the forgiveness and healing of the monks at Conception, questions will always remain and vacant spaces may dwell forever in the hearts of the Abbey's members and frequent visitors.

While daily life has long since returned to comfortable ritual at the monastery, Polan knows that his fallen brothers, as well as Lloyd Jeffress, will never be forgotten.

"Today I would tell my fallen brothers that our prayer, our fraternal love and our support are with you and that we are so very grateful for the many ways that

you have touched our lives," Polan said. "To Mr. Jeffress, what I would say first of all, is 'Why?' And secondly, I would tell him that 'I wish we could have been the ones to help you, so that this event would never have happened. I really do think that the ones that were your victims, Father Philip and Brother Damian, really would have been the people to help you.'

Today, the monks' laughter and greetings may once again be heard among the lovingly planted trees and flowers at Conception Abbey. The community continues to heal from a physical and emotional pain eased greatly by faith, as well as the words of Polan, a man some consider much more than a spiritual leader.

"I think he could be a hero," Espy said. "By saving lives in doing what he did, he's a hero in my thoughts."

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THE FIRE THIS TIME

President lacks concern for world

I would like to be writing this first column about a truly momentous event, the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa and the prospects it holds for our collective future. Unfortunately, in what has become typical fashion, the George W. Bush administration has marred the event with a persistent unwillingness to concern themselves with the rest of the world or our own future.

As the world daily appears closer and closer to devastation on a global scale, the Summit is intended to focus world attention and action on ways we can make this planet livable not only for more than a billion people already living in abject poverty but also for those in rich western nations.

While the rest of the world prepared for the landmark event and even changed dates specifically to allow for Bush's schedule, Bush refused to attend, opting to continue his

holiday stay on his ranch instead of showing up at the largest U.N. summit ever. His actions mimicked his destruction of the last major world event in South Africa, the Durban Conference on Racism, and this time struck an even more dissonant chord with the rest of the world in light of the mass starvation that is currently endangering much of southern Africa. Just as in the case of the Kyoto Protocol and other multi-lateral agreements, Bush has decided that the world's biggest polluter can't be bothered to help deal with our deteriorating environment.

After pleas from the rest of the world, including a personal request by British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Bush decided only to send a delegation headed by Colin Powell. Many, including some senior European Union delegates, are questioning the validity and potential effectiveness of the conference if it lacks any real U.S. support. So, why would Bush choose not to attend an event that should help shape all of our futures? A letter that was leaked to the press recently may hold some telling answers.

The letter is from 31 political groups congratulating Bush for not attending the summit and urging him not to sign environmental agreements and continue to keep global warming "off the table" and "out of the spotlight." Not surprisingly, seven of the 31 happy organizations had received over \$1 million from environmentally notorious Exxon-Mobil. The letter also lauded Bush for not agreeing, as his father did, to reduce greenhouse gases. Instead, Bush has announced that our production of greenhouse gases will increase 43 percent by 2020.

One of the primary issues addressed at the conference will be water. Water use is estimated to increase by 50 percent over the next 30 years and almost half of the world's people will experience water shortages by 2025, while 90 percent of human water use is agricultural.

A few of the major issues that will be discussed are not welcome topics to Bush. One is poverty and inequality, an issue that would seem to be important to everyone. Unfortunately, despite being by far the richest country in the world, we give a smaller percentage of aid than any other rich Western nation (less than 0.1 percent of our GNP not even a third of the European Union average), and we've continued to cut aid since the Rio Summit 10 years ago. Additionally, the United States insists that aid is accompanied by unlimited access to markets (cheap, exploitable labor) for American business.

Another hands-off issue is population. The conference will try to address the world population increase forecast (from 6 billion to 8 billion by 2025), much to the disapproval of the Vatican and the fundamentalist Christian right in the United States, a group that Bush counts on for ardent support.

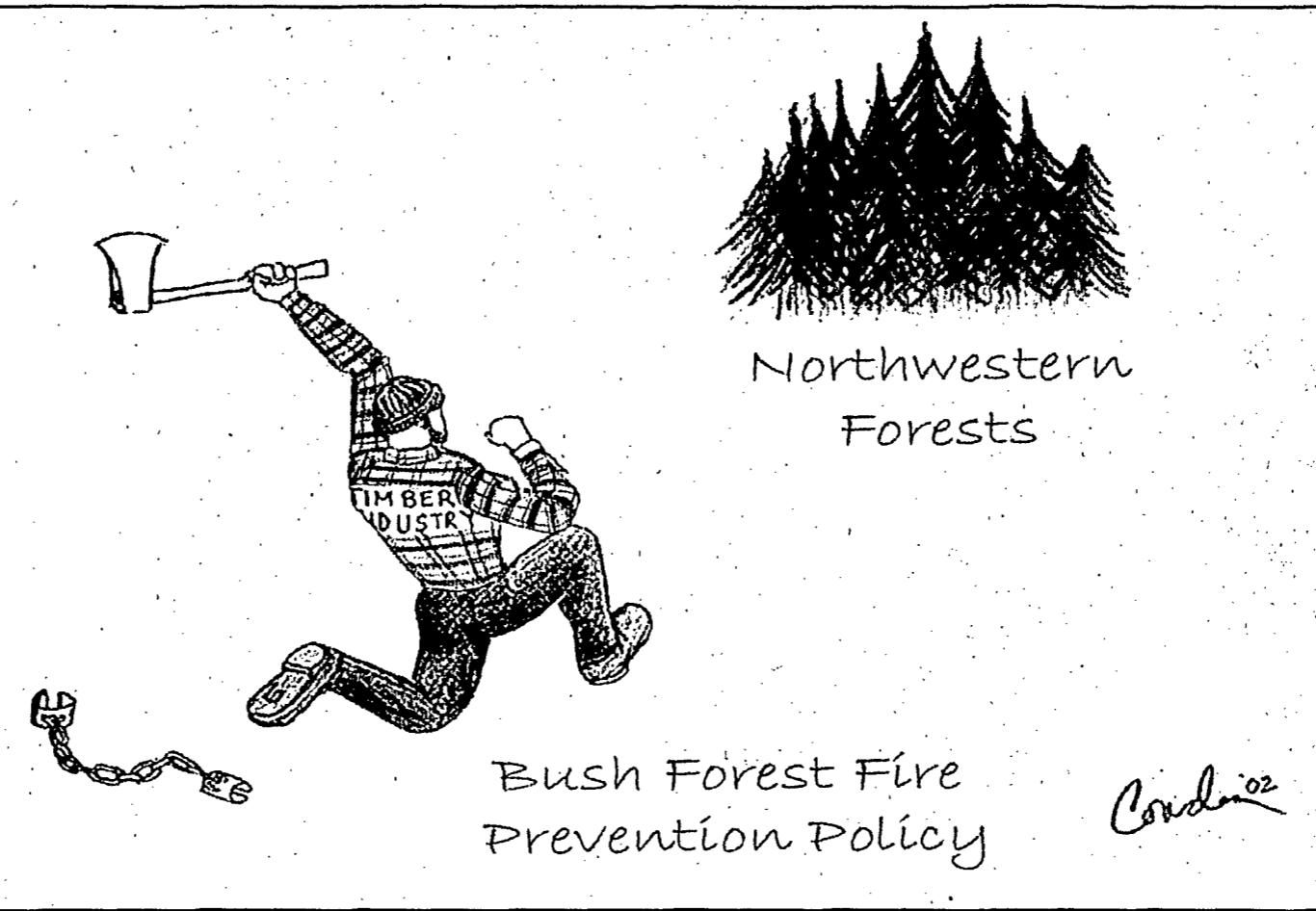
Climate change is another reluctant issue for Bush and Co., considering they've repeatedly denied massive scientific evidence and finally just acknowledged global warming for the first time in June. Even after preliminary agreements to remove direct global warming discussion, Bush still refused to show up.

Bush has simply decided to bow, once again, to the wishes of his corporate contributors, without consulting the public in the least. So, instead of placing ourselves at the forefront of a group of more than 60,000 delegates and 100 heads of state trying to deal with our environmental disasters, the United States will likely only act as a hindrance to what progress could have been possible with even the slightest actual concern.

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YOUR VIEW

Are you worried about the West Nile Virus in Maryville?



"No, If I do get the virus I'll just go to the hospital and get it cured."

Allan Hollatz
Agricultural science major



"No. There hasn't been enough cases to really be scared. No one around here has gotten it, but maybe one, and she said she got it in Springfield. There was no evidence of a threat locally."

Crystal Hill
Accounting major



"Not really. The media is making it a big deal. I think you have a better chance getting hit by a car walking to the bars."

Eric Mills
Interactive digital media major



"I don't really know that much about it. I am pretty far away from home, so if anything happens to me I might be a bit worried."

Byron Jackson
Marketing management major



"No. You've got a better chance of getting hit by lightning than getting that disease. The only way it can do a ton of damage is if you don't go to a doctor."

Kenny Sillman
Statistics major



"Not really. I am more scared of the anthrax thing. They seem to have the West Nile pretty figured out. I will still stay cautious."

Marcia Thompson
Maryville resident



"No. Only a very minute percentage of mosquitos carry the virus. The people who do get affected, there's proved to be a small fatality rate."

Matt Daniel
Broadcasting major



"No. There are a lot more virus's out there to be worrying about. It's just the scare of the month."

Jessica Clausen
Marketing management major

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THURSDAY

- ABC week
- Fraternity recruitment begins
- Artist Brady Haston, DeLuce Gallery, 1-5 p.m.

FRIDAY

- Artist Brady Haston, DeLuce Gallery, 1-5 p.m.
- ABC week
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Conception Abbey, 6 p.m.

MONDAY

- Labor Day
- No Classes

TUESDAY

- Music Department Organizational Picnic, 6 p.m., College Park
- Sorority recruitment begins
- IM Golf medal entries
- IM softball begins
- Artist Brady Haston, DeLuce Gallery, 1-5 p.m.
- Maryville Parks and Recreation Fall Volleyball Registration

SATURDAY

- Artist Brady Haston, DeLuce Gallery, 1-5 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Artist Brady Haston, DeLuce Gallery, 1:30-5 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY

- IM Golf medal begins
- Community Blood Center Blood Drive, Conference Center, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Artist Brady Haston, DeLuce Gallery, 1-5 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Margaret Davison Square, 6 p.m.
- Maryville Parks and Recreation Fall Volleyball Registration

THURSDAY

- GED, 7:50 a.m., Wells Hall
- Greek recruitment, Sorority Tea, 5 p.m.
- Artist Brady Haston, DeLuce Gallery, 1-5 p.m.
- Maryville Parks and Recreation Fall Volleyball Registration

PUBLIC SAFETY

Aug. 23

An officer received a report of a minor in possession in the 400 block of North Buchanan. Patrick J. Kies, 19, Maryville, was issued a summons for minor in possession.

An officer received a report of a loud party in the 300 block of West Seventh. Upon arrival, Jonah C. Loucks, 20, Maryville, was issued a summons for minor in possession.

An officer received a report of a loud party in the 600 block of North Mulberry. Upon arrival, Kresha K. Scoot, 19, Maryville, was issued a summons for minor in possession.

An officer received a report of a loud party in the 300 block of West Seventh. Upon arrival, Jonathan E. Dohage, 21, Maryville, was issued a summons for peace disturbance.

An officer received a report of a loud party in the 200 block of South Walnut. Upon arrival, Greg C. Allen, 20, Maryville, and Sandra L. Schroeder, 19, Maryville, were issued a summons for minor in possession.

Aug. 24

While on patrol in the 300 block of North Market, an officer observed a male individual exposing himself in the 300 block of North Market. Jedidiah M. Antle, 20, Maryville, was issued a summons for indecent exposure.

An officer received a report from a Maryville female that someone had parked in her yard in the 300 block of West Fourth. Shell's Amoco towed the vehicle.

An officer received a report from an assault that occurred in the 100 block of East Edwards. Upon arrival, Tasha L. Carter, 20, Maryville, was issued a summons for assault.

While on lake patrol at Mozingo Lake, an officer observed a boat not displaying the skier down flag. Upon making contact, Chad A. Wellhausen, 24, Clarinda, was issued a summons for operating a boat with an open container.

While on patrol in the 100 block of East First, an officer observed a vehicle with a broken tail lamp. The vehicle was stopped in the 400 block of East First. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Brett C. Davis, 18,

Maryville. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued summonses for defective equipment, possession of 35 grams or less marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Aug. 25

While assisting with a loud party in the 200 block of South Walnut, an officer made contact with an individual identified as Brandon G. Smith, 21, Kansas City, Mo. He was issued a summons for failure to comply.

An officer received a report of an abandoned bicycle in the 500 block of North Laura. Upon arrival, the bicycle was transported to Public Safety.

An officer received a report of a gas drive off from a business in the 2500 block of South Main.

While on patrol in the 400 block of West Fifth, an officer observed a fight. Upon making contact, Salvatore F. Panettiere, 20, Maryville, and Dante D. Cosentino, 19, Lee's Sum-

mit, were issued summonses for disorderly conduct.

Aug. 26

An officer received a report from a Maryville male that someone had taken a yard ornament from his yard in the 800 block of North Walnut.

An officer received a report of a vehicle parked illegally in the 500 block of South Walnut. Walker's towed the vehicle.

BIRTHS

Gracie Lynne Anderson

Megan Anderson, Maryville, is the parent of Gracie Lynne, born Aug. 11 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville. She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and joins one sibling, Jackson.

Her maternal grandparents are Joe and Theresa Hamaker, Blythedale. Maternal great-grandparents are Ralph and Jayne King, Kearney.

DEATHS

Grace Louella Cristler

Grace Louella Cristler, 101, Conception Junction, died Aug. 22, at St.

Monkey Music



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John Hutchins, left, and Rob Eischen, right, members of the band Prank Monkey entertain at the Tau Kappa Epsilon house to help the fraternity raise funds for Special Olympics. Fraternities across campus begin recruitment Thursday.

Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born March 10, 1901, to Walter and Matilda Iles in Hillsdale, Kan.

Cristler is survived by one son, Rex; one daughter, Marian Walski; 12 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Services were Aug. 24 at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was at Nodaway Memorial Gardens in Maryville.

Clara Louise Crockett Parshall

Clara Louise Crockett Parshall, 78, Burlington Junction, died Aug. 23, at

the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Neb.

She was born Jan. 16, 1924, to Claude and Letha Crockett in Skidmore.

She is survived by her husband, Melvin; three sons, Gary, Dick and Roger; three daughters, Gloria Martz, Shirley Kay Wake and Kristie Hale; 20 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; one brother, Eldon Crockett; two sisters, Beverly Graham and Deanina Bramer, and nieces and nephews.

Services were Aug. 26 at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was at Quitman Cemetery in Quitman.

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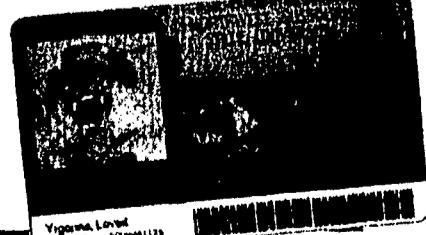
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Library develops research database

Fifty academic libraries join to offer student resources

By KARA SWINK
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Research papers may become a little easier for Northwest students this year with the new catalog, MOBIUS.

Students will be able to access the catalog this fall. MOBIUS gives students the advantage of borrowing materials from other academic libraries, which will then be delivered to Northwest in less than three days by truck, Information Librarian Carolyn Johnson said.

The catalog MOBIUS is a consortium of 50 academic libraries in the state of Missouri.

Within MOBIUS are clusters that are geographically located near each other. Northwest's cluster is called Towers, which is broken down into colleges.

Those colleges are Conception Abbey and Conception Seminary College, Missouri Western State College and North Central Missouri College.

The catalog also lets students renew items online, view their own patron record and search for reserve items by instructor or course name.

"I think students are going to be

surprised but pleased with the ability to access books and information more quickly," said Connie Ury, library outreach coordinator.

Another change students will see this fall is the searching interface of both EBSCOhost and LexisNexis.

"It's going to be a big adjustment for students who use EBSCOhost," Ury said. "It's really going to be a change for them, however, if students need help using it, just ask."

The library is developing nine new databases, which will be accessible sometime this semester.

The library will have more databases on science and technology, which was information many students wanted, Ury said.

The library's goal is to help students become information literate and to be able to access the best research materials through the new catalog and databases, Ury said.

"We are hoping the new catalog and database will encourage students to use more books and more scholarly articles," Ury said. "Especially since books won't take weeks to get here."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Annual golf tournament slated for next weekend

Northwest's 14th annual Bob Foster/KXCV Golf Classic are "Putt'n on the Ritz" Sept. 6 at the Mozingo Lake Golf Course. Reservations can be made for those who would like to enter the 18-hole tournament.

For more information or to receive an entry form, call 562-1163. The deadline to enter is Tuesday.

Students may purchase tickets for rock band

Tickets went on sale Wednesday for Northwest fans to see the rock band Hoobastank, who will appear at 7:30 p.m. October 21 at the Mary Lynn Auditorium at the Performing

Arts Center along with special guest Greenwheel and Blindsight.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the Student Services Center in the Administration Building. For more information call 562-1226.

Fraternity receives award for community service

The Herbert L. Brown Outstanding Chapter Award was given to Northwest's Phi Sigma Kappa chapter for the second consecutive year.

National honors are awarded to chapters most successful in community service, chapter operations, membership education, public relations and more.

The Herbert L. Brown Award is given to one fraternity that exceeds all other schools.

The chapter also received two awards for academics.



PHOTO BY ABBY SIMONS/COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR
Chris Ward, junior broadcasting major, surveys the current renovation of Colden Pond. The pond, which was drained in July for sanitation and beautification purposes, needs about six more inches of rain to be completely filled.

Environmental Services drain pond, discover sunken surprises

BY TRISHA THOMPSON
COPY EDITOR

Two old park benches, five bicycles, fishing rods and various bottles, glassware and trash were not as much junk as Environmental Services expected at the bottom of Colden Pond when it was drained at the beginning of July.

Jeff Barlow, director of Environmental Services, said judging from the rust, some of the bikes could have been residing in the pond for 15 years.

"It (the pond) was in pretty bad shape," Barlow said. "We tried to pull out the old trash. There are a lot of drains throughout parking lots so a lot of trash could've gone through there."

Students and staff may have noticed the pond is still only partially

full. It will eventually be naturally filled from rain.

Barlow said it is taking a longer time than normal from near drought conditions experienced throughout the summer.

About eight to 10 inches of rain will be needed to fill the pond up completely as it is currently holding about four inches of rain.

Before construction the pond's depth only reached about six feet, but once completed, the pond should be about 11 feet deep, Barlow said.

A large amount of winter fish kill was a major factor in deciding to drain the pond and start fresh, Barlow said.

"The project had been slated for a long time," Barlow said. "We were targeting it for a number of years. It (Colden Pond) just isn't as healthy for fish as it

could've been."

A large fountain will be put in the middle of the pond next spring as well as a fish restock.

"Community kids come out and fish in the pond," Barlow said. "We wanted a better fish habitat, more fun for them. Clearer, healthier, all the way around."

Along with the draining of the pond, Environmental Services are also working to rebuild the northwest edge of the bank and working on the Kissing Bridge pump.

Barlow said the extra work would give Colden Pond a life span of about 60 years before another draining may have to occur.

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Health Center urges students to receive shot

By KARA SWINK
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Due to increased meningitis cases, incoming freshmen had to endure an added vaccination shot.

The decision to mandate the meningococcal vaccine was not only because of the death of freshman pre-med student John Davison, who became infected with Neisseria meningitis last Thanksgiving, but also because of other cases of meningitis that have happened nationally at other universities, said Virginia Murr, assistant director at the University Health Center.

"After we had our death here on campus last year, we reinstated what we were doing in terms of education for the students and their parents," said Murr. "Also we wanted to see if there were things we needed to do differently."

Letters were sent out to all freshmen and their parents earlier this summer, along with a meningococcal vaccination requirement form to document the receiving of the vaccine.

Students and parents had a choice of waiving the requirement by signing a form, stating they had read the enclosed information and understood the rare, but life threatening illness.

More than 550 freshmen turned in documented vaccine paperwork. Only 20 forms came back with student vaccine waivers.

A vaccination for the disease is available at Northwest for \$70 and is valid for up to four years. The vaccine is 85 to 100 percent effective and has been shown to provide protection against the most common strains of the disease.

Murr said the new policy helped put an extra thrust behind the educational effort because over 1,100 freshmen living on and off campus have made arrangements to receive the vaccinations at the Health Center.

Northwest had calls from other universities in state and out who wanted to know how Northwest went about getting the information out to students, said Mark Herzler, director of residential life.

"The reason we wanted to do it was because we wanted to be a leader on the forefront," Herzler said.

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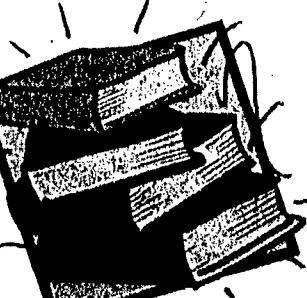
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agreements with several community colleges, DeYoung worked with many of the colleges on the agreements and was essential to getting them in place, University President Dean Hubbard said.

"I'm really proud of the accomplishments we've made, but there is still a lot of work to be done," DeYoung said.

DeYoung also took pride in helping to get the business school accredited.

"The accreditation was my first proudest moment because I was primarily hired with the charge of getting the business programs accredited," DeYoung said.

DeYoung said he has enjoyed his years at Northwest, but does not want to overstay his welcome.

"I've seen cases where people stay in their positions too long and they get dissatisfied," he said. "People around them get dissatisfied and wish they would have left long time ago. I just want to leave when everybody's happy with me and I'm also happy."

WATER from page 1A

The water shut-off was also a huge inconvenience for Dieterich resident Jacob May.

"I woke up this morning (Tuesday) and had to walk to the library just to go to the bathroom," he said.

It was 11:30 a.m. Tuesday when University officials made the decision to use city water. The switch took place at exactly 2 p.m.

Residents of Hudson Hall were the first to receive running water, followed by Millikan. Residents were informed that showers were off limits until 8 p.m. University officials wanted to make sure there was enough water in the tower before it was consumed, Porterfield said.

By 3:30 p.m., employees of Residential Life had handed out more than 300 bottles of water from semitrailers to students living on campus. Just over 1,000 students picked up their three bottles of water, Hetzler said.

The University also placed two rented tanker trucks each full of 5,000 gallons of clean water on campus. One is located in the circle drive of the Union parking lot and the other in the parking lot of the Conference Center. Students were able to take containers of any kind and obtain fresh water through the truck's valve.

The Health Center also contributed sanitary wipes to restrooms across campus.

The University expected to get all buildings on campus running water in six to eight hours.

"The buildings all over campus had water running into them Tuesday night quicker than the University was expecting," Porterfield said.

University officials are still urging students to exercise water conservation by taking shorter showers, Porterfield said. Residents should also only drink bottled water until the boil order is lifted.

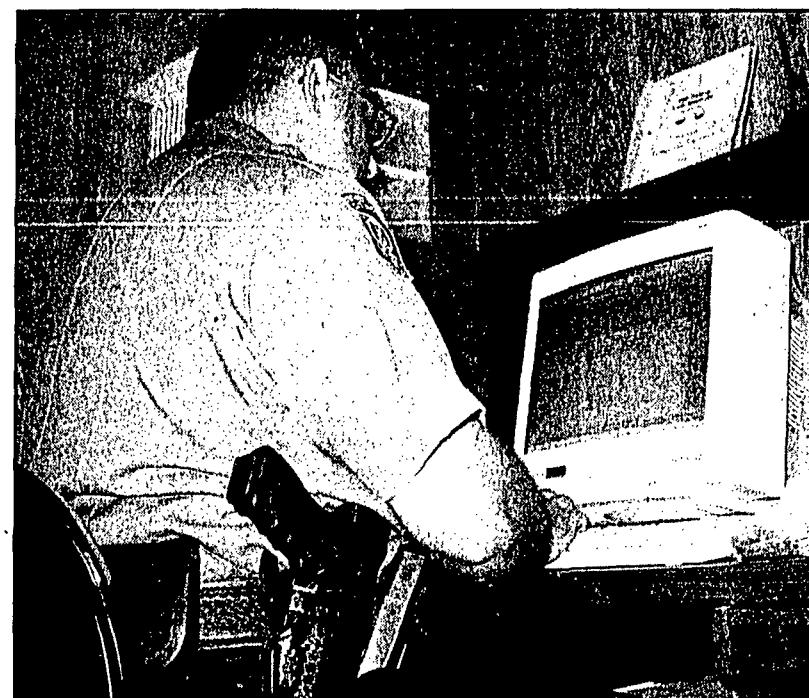


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Officer Tony Brummett has yet to encounter a situation this trimester where a firearm may be needed. However, he said being armed brings a level of security to officers.

Academy students to pay housing fee

By KARA SWINK
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

For the last two years the Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing has paid for students' tuition and room and board but next fall the cost of living will be a different story.

Incoming students will have to pay up to \$5,500 to \$6,000 for room and board. Financial aid will be available for those who qualify, Academy Dean Russell Pinizzotto said.

"We are very sensitive about making sure this program is available to anyone who needs it," Pinizzotto said. "There will be scholarship money because we don't want this to only be a program for people who can only afford it."

The Academy was aware that the status of Northwest's budget would have to resort in this type of action, but Pinizzotto was unaware it would

be next year, he said.

Pinizzotto said as long as the Academy continues to run along the same lines as it has for the past two years, things should continue to run smooth even if some things need to be changed.

The Academy is now looking into curriculum changes and different student development rules. By the end of semester, Pinizzotto hopes to have the new curriculum proposal before Faculty Senate, he said.

"Proposal changes would be more fine tuning, rather than changing giant structural things," Pinizzotto said.

At the end of May the Academy held its first graduation. Thirty students graduated with an associate of science degree from Northwest.

The commencement speaker, Dr. Leon M. Lederman, a 1988 Nobel laureate in physics, stood in front of the graduating students and spoke to the

pathfinder class.

In Lederman's speech he said, "The future of the nation, indeed of the planet will depend upon nurturing that most precious of all resources the nation has—not its oil deposits, its gold reserves—but its young men and women."

Pinizzotto said Lederman was an exceptional speaker and one that made good points about the Academy.

"He talked a great deal about the importance of science and technology education and developing the minds of young people," Pinizzotto said.

Out of the 30 students who graduated, 20 students decided to stay in state. While the students are spread out, most went to the top 10 computer science schools in the country, Pinizzotto said.

Graduation for the class of 2003 is set for May 31 in the Mary Linn Auditorium of the Performing Arts Center.

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Edwards said the University should congratulate themselves on the money already raised, but should not quit until everyone is called on to make contributions.

"As a university we determine our destiny," Edwards said. "We make things happen. We don't let things happen."

Northwest is asking alumni, graduates and friends for contributions to help other generations of Bearcats succeed. The campaign's main goal is to raise \$10 million for students. The goal for students has six components: scholarships, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Education and Human Services/Horace Mann, Intercultural and International Center, Technology and Resources and Annual

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The other money raised will be split equally between the other initiatives, business and athletics. Northwest is hoping alumni and friends will also help with the future business and athletics.

"It's getting more and more difficult for students to afford higher education," said Provost Taylor Barnes. "Yet, it is a very important thing for them and so we see this as an opportunity to begin public discourse of our needs."

Students are the campaign's No. 1 concern and Barnes said it would allow the University to continue to improve in more ways than just tuition.

"I think we are already a great university and one with quality programs," Barnes said. "Part of our philosophy is continuous quality improvement."

Barnes said.

Campaign Chairman Richard Leet said he was somewhat reluctant when approached by the foundation board about becoming the chairman, but after talking with his wife, Phyllis, also a graduate of Northwest, Leet knew he could not pass up the opportunity, he said.

"The message got out that Northwest is entering into a whole new era of support by starting their first campaign for funds," Leet said.

Northwest is not going to stop at \$21 million, Leet said.

"The campaign will continue for the next five years and hopefully sometime before that five-year period we will pass the \$21 million mark," he said. "Every dollar given to the campaign by a different person is a vote of approval which says this is something worthwhile I can give my money to."

Officers begin year armed

By SARA SLEYSER
MANAGING EDITOR

After the decision of whether or not to arm Campus Safety was settled, officers attended training before holstering their new firearms Aug. 10.

In mid-July 10 Campus Safety officers attended three and one-half weeks of firearm training at the Maryville range and Campus Safety headquarters. Clarence Green, director of Campus Safety, said officers learned to fire their weapons in various situations including low light and combat. Other skills included holstering guns and gun retention.

"We really wanted to make sure everyone is secure with their weapons," Green said.

Every officer received a final training score of more than 90 percent. To pass training a score of 85 percent was required.

Green said all officers had handled a gun before and 90 percent of the force carried a weapon in a previous job.

"Our people are better trained than the state's standards," University President Dean Hubbard said. "We're much more diligent."

Renewal training will be required four times a year, an

increase from the national standard of once every three years, Green said, in order to be even more safe. If officers do not meet the passing standard they will not be allowed to carry a weapon while on the job.

Tonja Risetter, a unified science major, feels more secure on campus since the introduction of guns on campus officers.

"I think as long as it makes everybody more safe it's a good thing," Risetter said. "Just the day and age it is now with Sept. 11 and everything I think it came at the right time."

Other students do not think guns are necessary on campus.

"They don't need them," Samantha Arntt, psychology/sociology major said. "It's not like anything's going to happen on campus."

Green said being armed improves response times and provides officers with more security.

"You know if something does go awry you have another option than just turning tail and finding an escape route," Green said.

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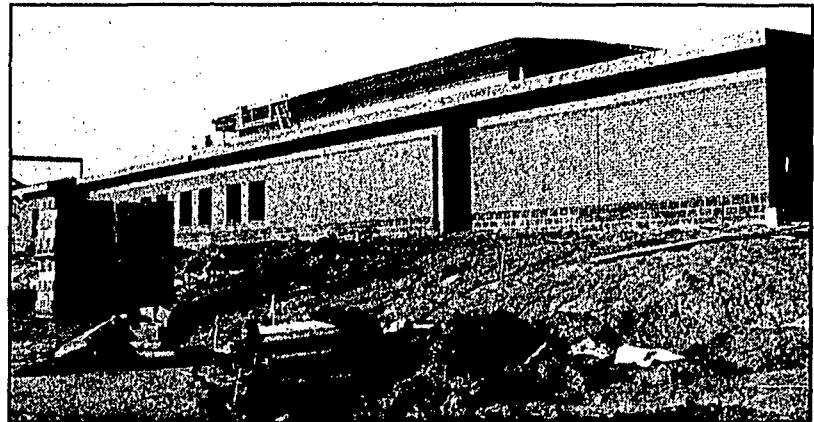


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The \$7 million Community Recreation Center is expected to be completely enclosed by mid-September. The facility will offer a fitness center and kitchen rentals.

Construction continues on community center

By ABBY SIMONS
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

really help those who participate in activities or have a recreational interest."

Through the collaboration, the National Guard will fund and maintain much of the building upon completion, while the city of Maryville will contribute \$2.4 million to the project. Northwest will lease and maintain the property, located north of campus. Auxier said the partnership will ease the cost for taxpayers, who will fund the project through a bond issue funded by a one-cent sales tax increase passed by voters in April 2001.

Construction on the project began last fall and is about half-finished. The entire center is slated to be completed by March 21.

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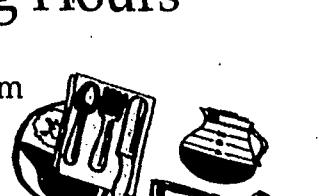
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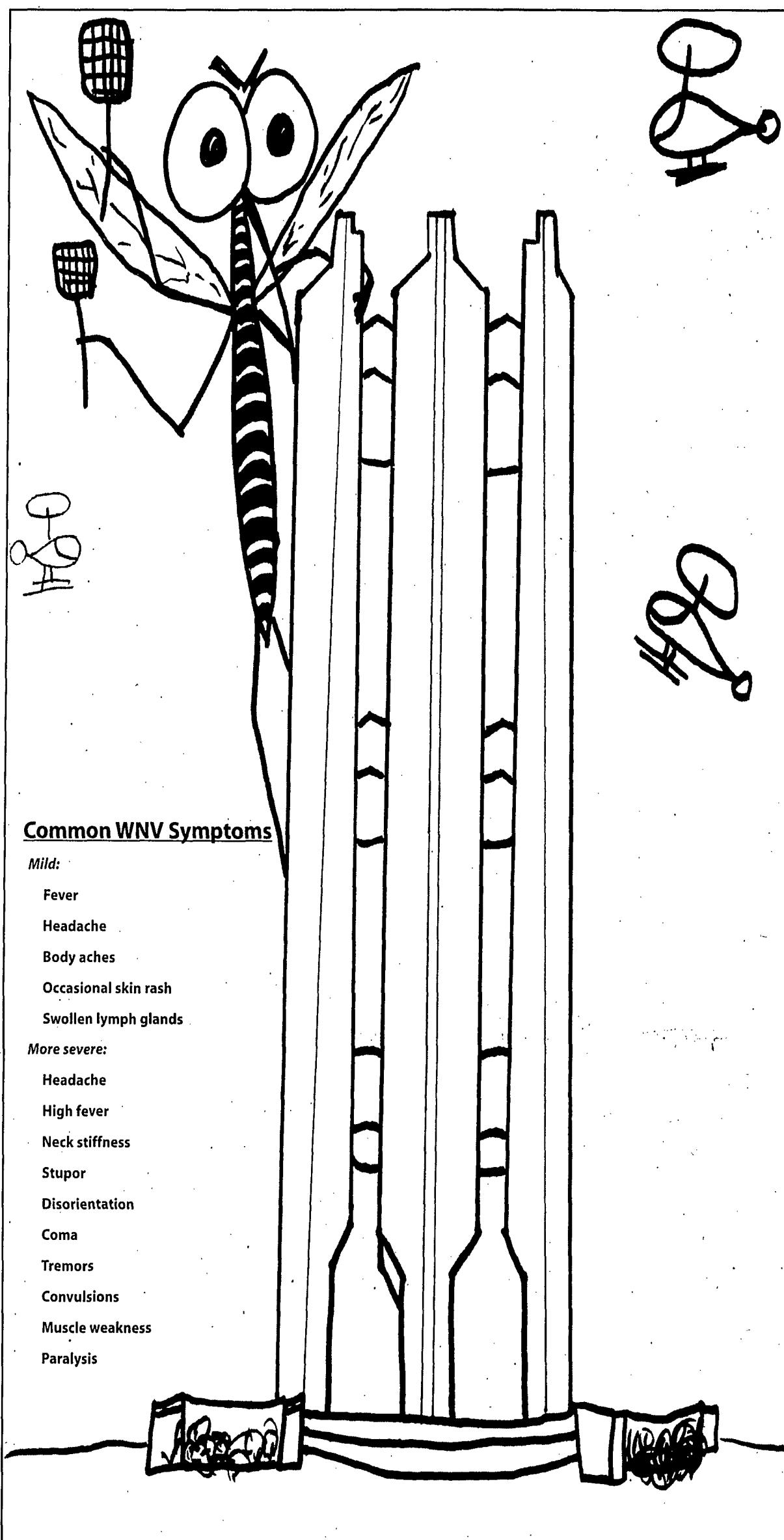
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West Nile may seem like the end of the world but serious illness due to the virus is unlikely

By ANN HARMAN

FEATURES EDITOR

Moving westward across the United States since 1999, the West Nile Virus has infected a handful of people and even claimed a few lives. While the loss of life is discomforting, especially with the uncertainty surrounding the virus, people who contract it and survive make up a much larger percentage of those infected.

A 65-year-old horse owner from Graham who asked not be identified, had the right idea by taking the "wait and see" attitude when it came to vaccinating her horses. After all, as far as she knew West Nile had not made it past St. Louis.

Naturally she was concerned when Rose, her 10-year-old horse, became unwilling to eat or drink, endured prolonged weakness and seemed to be disoriented, but knew a number of things could cause those symptoms.

After a checkup from David Rybolt, Rose's veterinarian, blood work confirmed that Rose was suffering from the West Nile Virus.

With the help of Rybolt's treatment, Rose's temperature dropped from 103 degrees to 102 degrees and down. She regained her strength and once again took to mud rolling and light trotting, and is expected to make a full recovery.

Rose's owner was not partial to the possibility of losing a horse, but she reacted to it in a way that most people should.

"Hey, you're a farm lady," she said. "You see animals come, you see animals born and you see animals die. It's just a part of life."

So maybe not everyone is a "farm lady," but the principle is universal: don't freak out.

While the victims of West Nile and those close to them are understandably worried, an important thing to remember is the West Nile Virus seems about equivalent to the flu.

Any human or horse can contract it, but several factors, including age

and health status, weigh heavily on determining its severity.

Ed Powell, a veterinarian for the Nodaway Veterinary Clinic in Maryville, said it should be a concern for any animal owner, however, it is not likely an animal will contract the virus and even less likely that one will die from it.

"You don't want to get into panic mode," Powell said. "Not every horse is going to get it and not every horse that gets it is going to die."

Powell said it is unlikely to see pets seriously affected by the virus.

Comparing humans to horses may seem sub-par, but humans will experience many of the same symptoms associated with West Nile.

Although most cases are mild and rarely fatal, prevention is the best way to keep West Nile at bay.

Mary Ebrecht, insects control nurse at St. Francis Hospital, said those at high risk, mainly elderly people, should take precautions such as using insect repellent containing DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide) and staying in at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.

"The reason elderly people are more prone to being severely ill is because the elderly usually have chronic health problems anyway," Ebrecht said.

Mosquitoes can still bite throughout the day, but once a human or a horse has contracted the virus and fought it off, they build up immunity. However, because the virus is so new, health officials are uncertain how long it lasts.

Fortunately many drug companies have been quick and successful in developing vaccines against West Nile.

The West Nile vaccine for horses consists of an initial shot and a follow-up booster shot 21 days later.

According to Rybolt, the vaccine would probably have to be annual after the initial two shots. He also said the best protection for horses and other animals is to reduce their exposure to mosquitoes.

"Keep the horses (inside) in the cool of the morning and turn them out in the heat of the day," Rybolt said.

"Make sure stagnant water is poured out so we don't have a breeding place for mosquitoes."

A vaccination for humans has yet to be approved, however, the Food and Drug Administration has allowed a trial test of interferon, sold by Schering-Plough as Intron A, which was effective in lab tests in fighting West Nile.

Like others, West Nile will eventually take the back burner and make way for the next unknown virus or disease.

"A lot of people die from something and this is just something new," the Graham woman said.

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	People (year)
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Food-borne Illness	5,000 (average)
Flu	2,175 (1999)
Drowning in bathtub	337 (1998)
Pregnancy and Childbirth	370 (1999)
Tornado	94 (2000)
Lightning	93 (average)
Hornet, wasp, bee sting	46 (1998)
Elevator	30 (average)
West Nile	20 (2002 so far)
Fireworks	16 (1999)
Shark Attacks	1 (2000)

SOURCE: ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

Q&A

Q. What is the West Nile Virus?

A. West Nile Virus, or West Nile encephalitis, is an inflammation of the brain caused by viruses and bacteria.

Q. How is West Nile contracted?

A. As far as any health expert knows, mosquito bites are the only way West Nile can be contracted. The virus is not spread by handling or caring for birds, horses or other infected animals.

Q. Is it likely I will get West Nile?

A. Very few mosquitoes can carry the virus and less than 1 percent of the people who get bitten and become infected will become seriously ill.

Q. Who is most at risk for West Nile?

A. Anyone near a confirmed case is at risk. However, people 50 and older and those with chronic health problems are at a higher risk of severe disease.

Q. Can I prevent West Nile?

A. Reduce places with standing water, such as troughs or old tire swings, avoid going out at dusk or dawn when mosquitoes are most active, and use insect repellent containing DEET (listed as N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide or N,N-diethyl-3-methylbenzamide).

Q. Are animals at risk?

A. Several factors determine whether or not an infected horse will die, including age and health status. Very few documented cases exist of domestic animals dying from West Nile.

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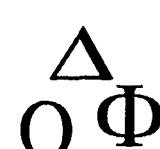
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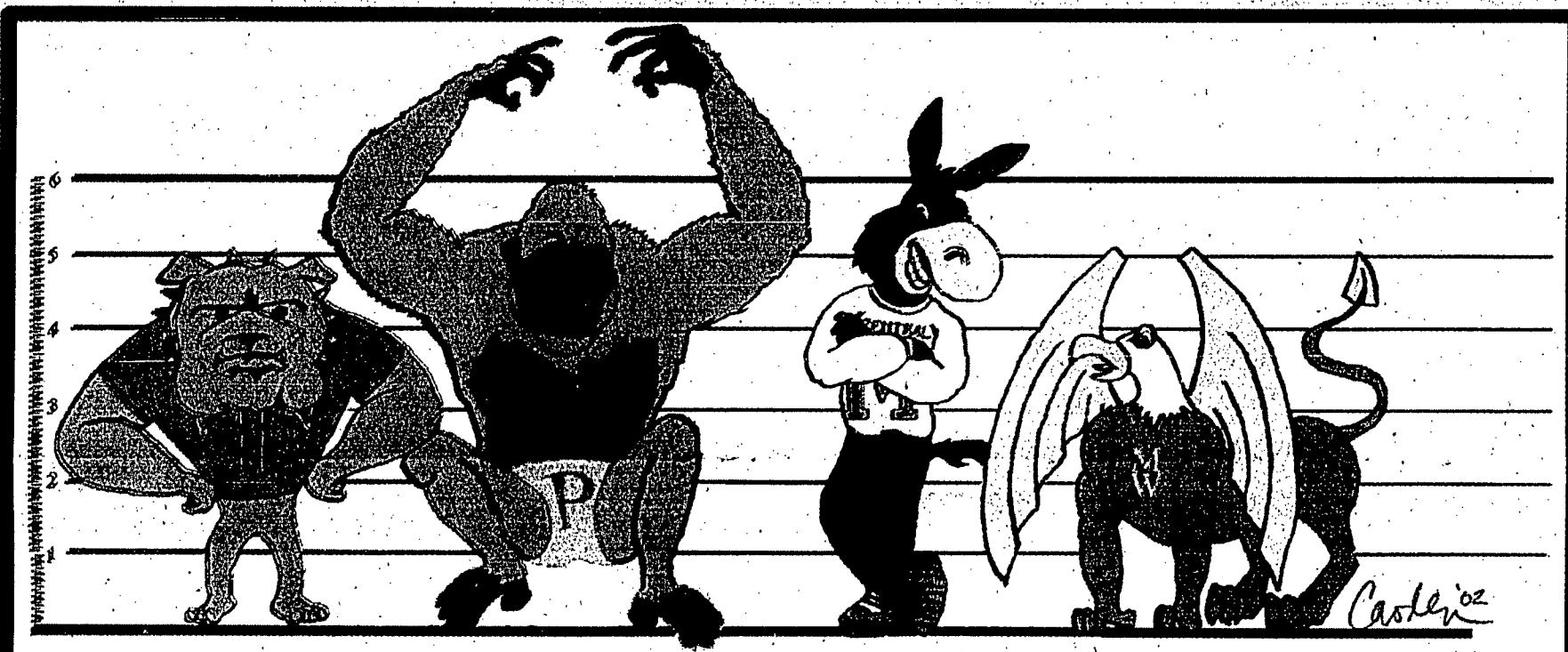
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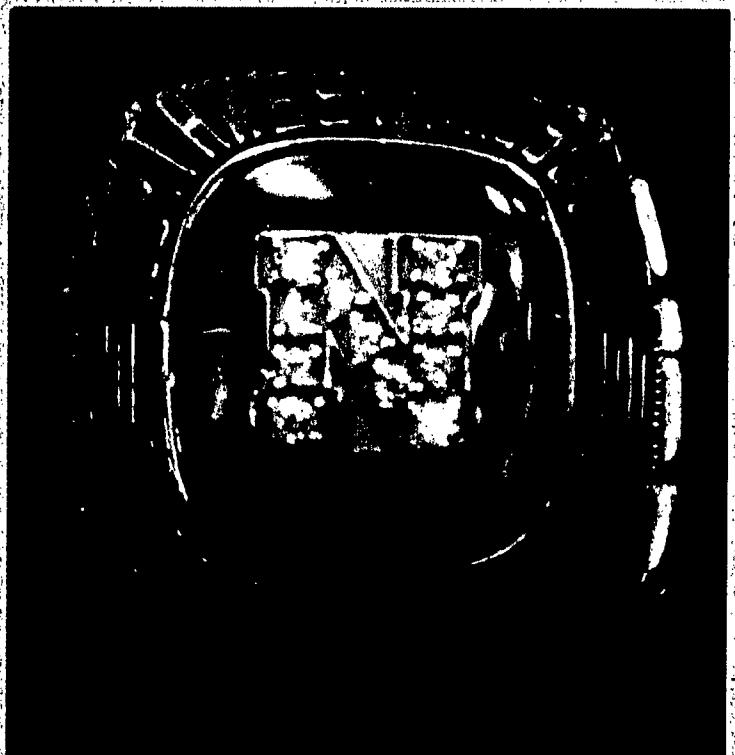
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Junior Brandy Sonnichsen concentrates during a shooting drill at practice Tuesday. The 'Cats have high hopes for the 2002 season after adding some depth in the offseason.

Northwest soccer

Soccer team reloads during offseason

Bearcats return experience, add depth, talent on offense with freshman class

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

After finishing the 2001 campaign at 6-11-1, losing the team's top goalkeeper and struggling on offense, one might think the Northwest women's soccer team will have a long season ahead of them.

Think again. The team brings in many new scoring threats and high hopes for the 2002 tour.

The team is determined to go another level and they have the practice shirts to prove it. The shirts read "Can you hear me now? ... Good!"

After finishing in the middle of the pack in the MIAA, the 'Cats return their top two scorers in junior forward, Jill Anderson and junior midfielder Sarah Wallace. Both Anderson and Wallace led the team in points with 11 apiece. Each scored five goals for the season.

Besides the efforts of Anderson and Wallace last season, the team struggled to find other scoring threats. The team managed only 24 goals on the season compared to 36 by their opponents.

"From last year what we needed to work on was scoring," head coach Joann Wolf said. "Plain and simple, putting the ball in the back of the net. What we had was a lack of scoring punch and keeping the ball in our possession in the offensive territory."

That is why during this offseason, Wolf directed the team's recruiting focus to offense.

Northwest added seven newcomers to the team, five of them posi-

tioned at forward and midfielder.

"My role in this was to recruit some forwards that could hold the ball up front and get some scoring activities," Wolf said. "The new players are offensive-minded players and that goes along with the thought of we need to score some goals and be more offensive. Our new faces are going to do well this season if we stay healthy."

The 'Cats got

another addition

this summer when

forward Rory

Okey rejoined the

team after leaving

school before the

2001 season.

As a fresh-

man, Okey led

the team in scor-

ing with eight goals and one assist en

route to an honorable mention all-

MIAA selection.

With a different look, team chem-

istry is not a concern with the players

and coaches.

"We got a lot of new individuals that

have good foot skills and the speed,"

Wallace said. "We got a lot of depth this

year. That will help us out this year."

Senior Jennifer Gnefekow, one of

only two seniors on the team,

knows her role is important as a team leader

with a young team.

"For me, you're expected to be the

leader," she said. "I

don't feel any more

pressure than I would

if I was a freshman.

Everyone is supposed

to contribute as much

as they can."

The team took a

big blow at goal-

keeper,

losing

Kathie Leach.

The 'Cats will turn to

sophomore Danielle

Lawless, who played

in three games last

season, and fresh-

man Michelle

Gould for goal-

keeper duties.

Wolf said there is

no clear-cut starter

at the goalkeeper

position.

The 'Cats will

start the season on the road, travelling

to Wayne, Neb., to take part in two

games and then Duluth, Minn. The

team's first home action will be Sept.

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Northwest offense preview

High power offense seeks big production for 2002

By BILL KNUST

ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

The Northwest football team is approaching the 2002 season with a sense of urgency, something it may have lacked last season.

"I think last year we had players stepping into roles they hadn't experienced before," Tjeerdsma said. "We've got more experience coming back and I think what this group learned last year is really paying dividends."

Along with experience comes confidence, something the Bearcats offense is full of this year, Tjeerdsma said.

The 'Cats are led by senior quarterback John McMenamin. He earned honorable mention All-MIAA honors last season, despite missing three games.

His numbers were impressive in the nine games he played. He threw for a total of 2,436 yards and 18 touchdowns.

He averaged 304.5 yards passing per game and set a single-game total

yardage record of 475 yards against Central Missouri State when he passed for 473 yards and ran for two.

McMenamin will have an arsenal of weapons at his disposal with first team All-MIAA sophomore receiver Jamaica Rector leading the way.

Rector, voted the conference newcomer of the year, put up big numbers in his freshman campaign. He led the team in receiving yards with 1,081 and touchdowns with 10.

Rector is not the only receiver that can damage on this team though, Tjeerdsma said this might be the deepest crop of receivers Northwest has had.

"We got about eight receivers we could put on the field and not feel badly about having any of them on the field," Tjeerdsma said. "They can all play and I think that is going to be a tremendous asset for us this year."

"The same thing for the running backs. Even though we lost those three guys, we still have three a-backs and three b-backs that can play."

What looked to be a challenge in

spring was getting every a-back on the field. The challenge has now become finding an a-back to put on the field.

What remains the same though is that senior Geromy Scaggs will line up behind McMenamin to start the season. After that, two others are battling it out.

Northwest lost running backs for various reasons and it turned into a situation Tjeerdsma had not seen before.

"We had about six guys we felt could play and all of a sudden we are down to three," Tjeerdsma said. "But I feel really good about where we are right now. There has never been a doubt that Geromy Scaggs was our starter. He had a really great spring and has followed up with a great fall camp."

I think Todd Wessel is a lot more comfortable. He had minor knee surgery this spring and I think that's taken a lot of pressure off of him and he's had a really good camp."

Another player Tjeerdsma men-

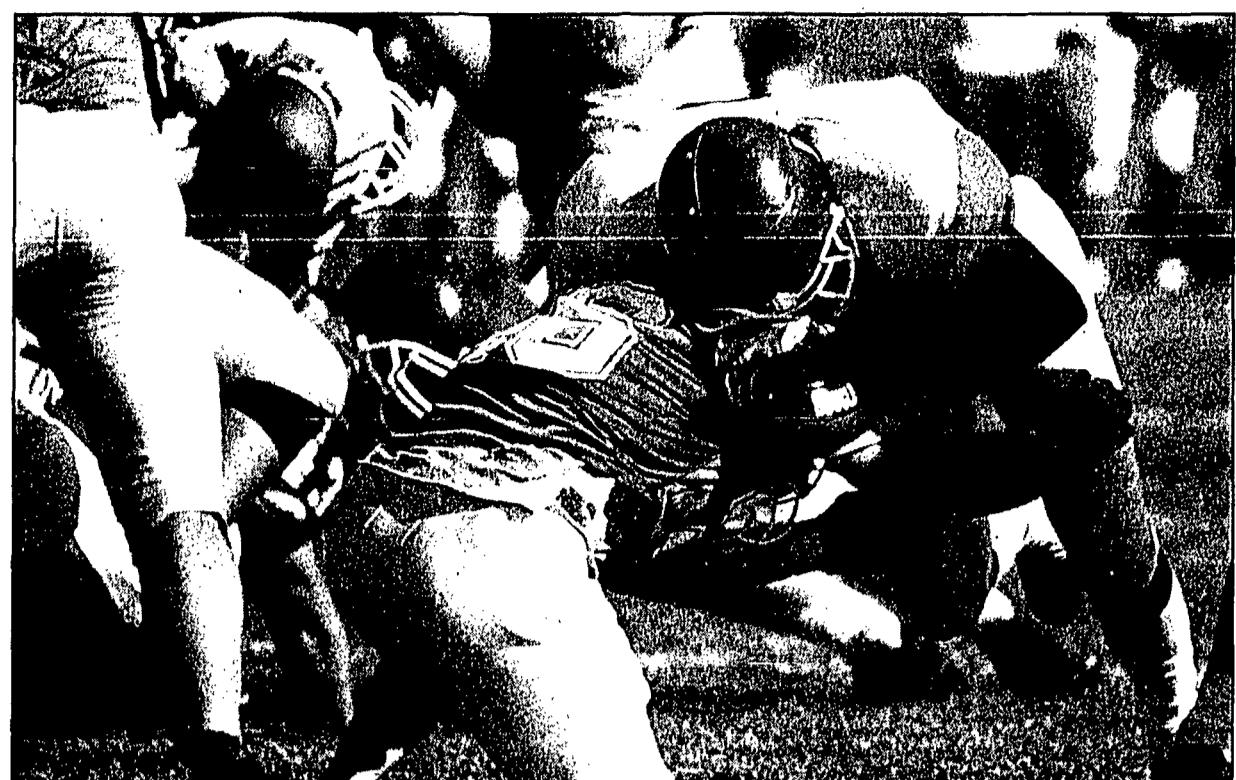
tioned was former Maryville High School standout Mitch Herring. Herring transferred in for the spring semester last season and is now battling it out with Wessel for the backup spot.

Every good offense needs a great line and this year's line looks to give

McMenamin some protection and Scaggs some holes to run through.

Tuttle started every game last season and Bollinger saw time when then senior center Curt Lessman started the season injured.

PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/ASSIGNMENT EDITOR



Junior running back Todd Wessel meets junior defensive back Gabe Middleton in the hole on the three-yard-line during last Friday's team scrimmage. Wessel failed to get in on the play, but head coach Mel Tjeerdsma has liked Wessel's progress in fall camp.

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Northwest defense preview

Veteran crew looks to make point

By BILL KNUST

ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

To say the Northwest defense has something to prove this year is an understatement.

After giving up three fourth-quarter leads in three consecutive losses, the 'Cats' defense is looking to send a different message to opponents this season, especially the defensive backs.

"Last year, one thing that was kind of disappointing, and I can say this for myself, was that we had the most experience on the team group-wise and we didn't play near as well as we were capable of," senior safety Ryan Miller said. "I think the first two or three games, teams are going to come at us, but I think they are in for a surprise."

Northwest returns defensive co-captain Miller, a four-year starter, and co-captain cornerback Marcel Smith. Smith earned second-team All-MIAA honors last season and led the team

in passes broken up.

On the other side of Smith will be junior corner Daryl Ridley. Ridley played in 10 games last year and recovered two fumbles. With Ridley and Smith, Northwest could have two of the top trash-talking players in the league, Miller said.

"These guys know their limits," Miller said. "They know when they get against a good opponent, a player that could beat them any given play, they keep their mouths shut. But when they are dominating someone they are going to let them know about it."

Along with a veteran secondary, Northwest will return an experienced group of linebackers and defensive linemen.

Junior Grant Sutton led the team in tackles last year with 62 and also led the team in tackles for loss with 15. He is joined by senior Adam Crowe, juniors Andy Cregar, Troy Tysdahl, Mike Nanninga and John

Edmonds.

Another plus is the defensive line led by three seniors. Mike Sunderman, Seth Giddings and Justin Bowser all return to the 'Cats for their final year. Junior Josh Honey also started all 11 games at defensive end for the 'Cats last season.

With the wealth of linebackers, Northwest will experiment with a 4-4 defense this year to get some different talent on the field, Tjeerdsma said.

Miller liked the move because he said it will allow him to concentrate on stopping the pass and being the deepest man on the field.

"Last year against Pitt State I got caught coming up to help in run support and they threw an option pass right over my head for a touchdown," he said. "Hopefully that doesn't happen in this defense."

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Senior cornerback Marcel Smith talks with defensive coordinator Scott Bostwick about strategy. Smith, a defense co-captain, led the team in pass breakups in the 2002 season with eight. The defensive secondary returns two starters.

Coach ready for new stadium

By BILL KNUST

ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

Mel Tjeerdsma, Northwest football head coach, will not miss the oldest grandstand in Division II football this year.

Almost every day for more than seven years Tjeerdsma looked at the grandstand and hoped one day a new one with more seats would replace it.

That day inches closer each time he looks out the window and he did not shed one tear when he saw the grandstand coming down.

"It's a good sight," Tjeerdsma said. "Regardless of what's there, it's a good sight. I mean, obviously, our fans out there was a good sight, but our fans are always gonna be there for us. Just the anticipation of what's going to be there will be exciting."

After two years of planning, fund raising, taking bids and re-taking bids; Rickenbrode Stadium will be a completely new sight in 2003.

This year, Northwest has brought in portable stands for the visiting team and the students. All Northwest ticket

holders who sat in the west grandstand are going to move to the east grandstand for this season.

Tjeerdsma said the renovations would help with recruiting.

"This will help more because it is reality," he said. "When you're showing pictures it's close, but it is never quite a reality. You're close, but there is always a little doubt, well is that going to happen?"

There's no doubt now and by the time we get into the heavy recruiting phase there will be a lot of that structure done."

Sports Information Director Andy Seeley was just as happy to see the demolition of the west grandstand.

"I was as happy as anyone to see that old grandstand come down," Seeley said.

The demolition will put Seeley in a temporary booth between the portable bleachers. The booth that has more room than the old press box.

"The set up now is a minor inconvenience," Seeley said. "I told them I would have walked up and down the sidelines taking the statistics if I had to."

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Sept. 7 Nebraska-Omaha 1 p.m.
Sept. 14 Minn. St.-Mankato 1 p.m.
Sept. 21 Missouri-Rolla 1 p.m.
Sept. 28 Washington 7 p.m.
Oct. 12 Missouri Southern 1 p.m.
Oct. 17 Pittsburg State 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 26 Truman State 1 p.m.
Nov. 2 Central Mo. State 1 p.m.
Nov. 9 Missouri Western 2 p.m.
Nov. 16 Emporia State 1 p.m.

2001 Results

Aug. 30 Neb.-Omaha L, 21-24
Sept. 8 Minn. St.-Mankato W, 36-19
Sept. 15 Missouri-Rolla W, 49-0
Sept. 22 Southwest Baptist W, 52-10
Sept. 29 Washburn W, 52-17
Oct. 6 Missouri Southern W, 38-3
Oct. 13 Pittsburg State W, 35-31
Oct. 20 Truman State L, 23-24
Oct. 27 Central Mo. State L, 36-37
Nov. 3 Missouri Western L, 30-37
Nov. 10 Emporia State W, 44-3

AFCA Div. II Preseason Top 25

School 2001 rank
1. Grand Valley State (Mich.) 2
2. North Dakota 1
3. Miami (Ga.) State 4
4. Pittsburg State 1
5. Texas A&M-Kingsville 13
6. California-Davis 5
7. Indiana (Pa.) 8
8. Carson-Newman NR
9. Saginaw Valley (Mich.) 6
10. Bloomburg (Pa.) 12
11. Nebraska-Omaha 16
12. Tarleton State (Texas) 10
13. Tuskegee (Ala.) 9
14. Chadron (Neb.) State 7
15. Catawba (N.C.) 3
16. Northwest Missouri St. NR
17. Central Arkansas 18
18. Indiana State (Ind.) 11-12
19. Wisconsin-St. C. 19
20. C.W. Post (N.Y.) 19
21. Tusculum (Tenn.) 21
22. Shepherd (W. Va.) NR
23. Central Mo. State 17
24. Fort Valley State (Ga.) 20
25. Nebraska-Kearney NR

MIAA coaches preseason poll

School, 2001 rank, 2001 rec.

1. Wichita State (1) 11-2

2. Northwest Missouri (5) 10-2

3. Central Mo. State (2) 8-3

4. Missouri Western (3) 8-3

5. Truman State (3) 7-4

6. Emporia State (7) 6-5

7. Southwest Baptist (6) 5-6

8. Missouri Southern (8) 4-6

9. Washburn (9) 3-8

10. Missouri-Rolla (10) 2-9

Returning Team Leaders

Rushing: Senior Geromy Scaggs, 50.9 yards per game

Passing: Senior John McMenamin, 304.5 yards per game

Receiving: Sophomore Jamaica Rector, 120.1 yards per game

All-purpose yards: Rector, 181.6 yards per game

Scoring: Senior Eddie Ibara, 96 pts.

Tackles: Junior Grant Sutton, 62 tackles

Interceptions: Senior Ryan Miller, three

NW 2001 Team Stats Opp.

37.8 Scoring per game 18.6
263 First downs 217
157.3 Rushing per game 154.4
321.9 Passing per game 210.3
479.2 Total offense/game 364.6
25.3 Kick return avg. 17.8
10.4 Punt return avg. 7.1
17-149 INT-returns 12-64
22-11 Fumbles-lost 20-7
98 Penalties 79-59.5
34.5 Punting avg. 35.5
31-22 Time of Poss. 28:38
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11-17 Field goals 11-17
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**KEY PLAYERS TO WATCH IN THE MIAA****OFFENSE**

Lee Thompson, RB, Jr., Central Missouri State
Thompson rushed for 1,016 yards on 218 carries last season for the Mules. He led all rushers in touchdowns with 16 and earned a spot on the first team offense for the all-MIAA squad.

Neal Philpot, QB, So., Pittsburg State
Philpot was second in the conference in rushing (1,044 yards, 15 touchdowns) and fourth in passing efficiency (1,219 yards, 15 touchdowns). He will be a sophomore this season.

Josh Chapman, QB, Sr., Missouri Southern
Chapman led the MIAA in total offense as a junior, averaging 273.3 yards a game last season. He led the MIAA in rushing, averaging more than 102 yards a game. He threw 13 touchdown passes in nine games.

DEFENSE
Aaron McConnell, DL, Jr., Pittsburg State
McConnell was fourth in the conference in sacks with five and first in the conference in tackles for loss (24). He made the MIAA first-team defense for the second straight year.

Eric McDowell, DL, Jr., Missouri Western
McDowell was a unanimous selection on the MIAA first-team defense in 2001. He was second in the conference in sacks (5.5).

Pierre Thomas, DB, Jr., Missouri Western
Thomas played in 10 games last season as a Griffon. He picked off five passes and held Missouri Western to 8-3 record.

2002 KEY GAMES

Sept. 7 Univ. of Nebraska-Omaha
Where: Rickenbrode Stadium
What time: 1 p.m.
Revenge will be on the mind of the Bearcats this year. Truman pulled off the last-minute victory to spoil the 'Cats homecoming, ending Northwest's 41-game conference winning streak and took possession of the Old Hickory Stick in last year's meeting.

Nov. 2 Central Missouri State
Where: Rickenbrode Stadium
What time: 1 p.m.

Last meeting: 2001, UNO won 24-21

The Bearcats will be tested early when the No. 1 Mavros roll into town. If this year's game is anything like last season's fans are in for a treat. Nebraska-Omaha's Troy Severson kicked a 40-yard field goal with 17 seconds left in regulation to win the game.

Oct. 17 Pittsburg State
Where: Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo.

What time: 7:30 p.m.

Last meeting: 2001, Northwest won 35-31

Trailing 21-0 in the second quarter in one of the hardest places to win a game, the Bearcats were able to pull off the win. Pitt State is ranked fourth in this year's AFCA preseason poll. Since 1993, Pitt State or Northwest has won the conference crown. The fact the game is being played in Arrowhead only adds more electricity to the rivalry.

Oct. 26 Truman State
Where: Stokes Stadium in Kirksville

Last meeting: 2001, Truman won 24-23

The Bearcats were unable to hold a late third quarter 27-7 lead. The Griffons outscored the Bearcats 23-3 in the last 19 minutes of regulation to force overtime. The Griffons scored on a 12-yard pass in the extra session to steal the win.

Nov. 9 Missouri Western
Where: Spratt Memorial Stadium in St. Joseph

Last Meeting: Western won 37-30 in overtime.

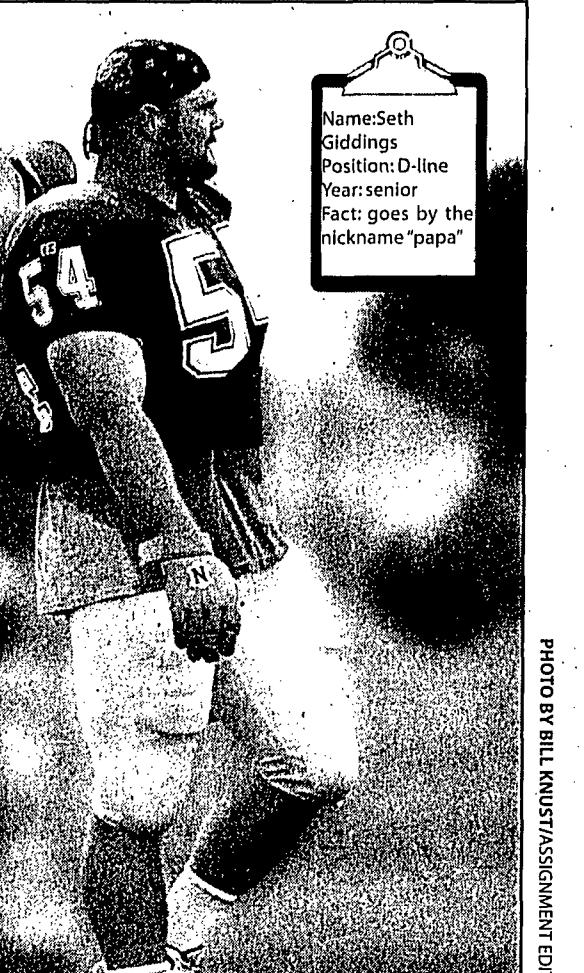
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**BY THE NUMBERS**

473

Number of yards quarterback John McMenamin passed for against Central. The number is a Bearcat and MIAA single-game record.

108.1

Number of yards receiver Jamaica Rector averaged per game. Rector ranked fourth in D-II in receiving yards per game and led the team with 10 touchdowns.

20,000+

Number of people Northwest and Pitt State officials are expecting for the Oct. 17 game at Arrowhead Stadium. The attendance would be a D-II record.

96

Number of points kicker Eddie Ibara scored last season, tying the MIAA record for kickers. Ibara was granted an extra year of eligibility for 2002.

1994

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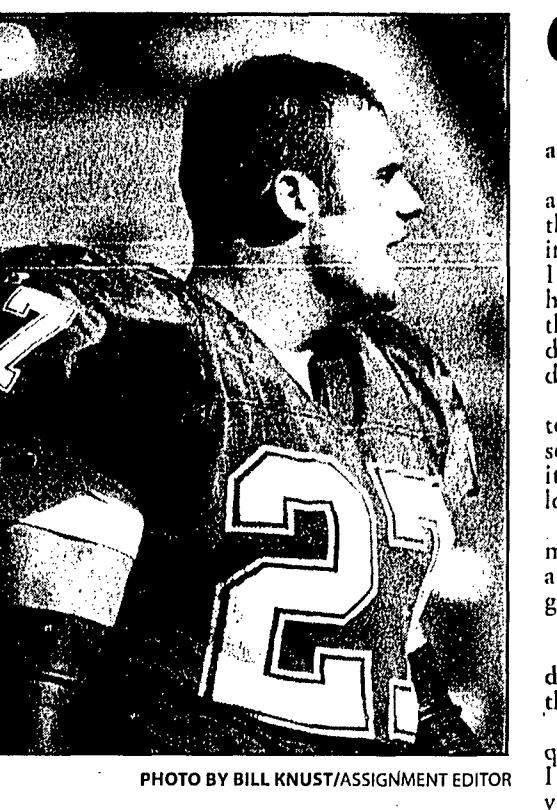
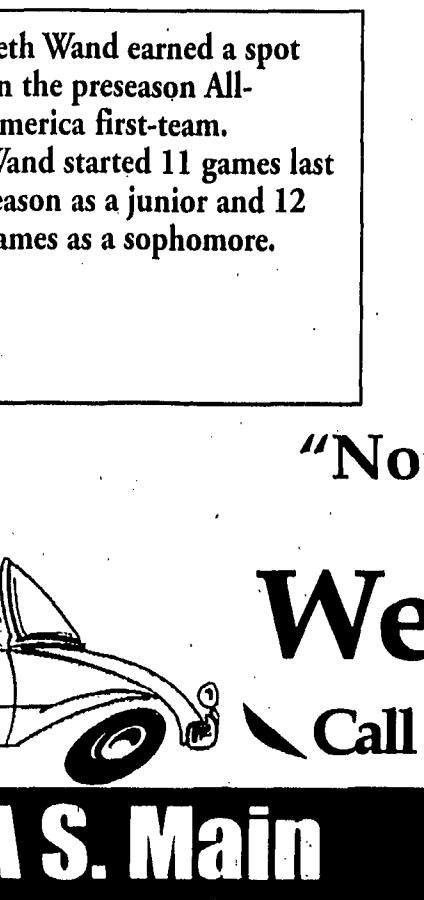


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Q&A: Ryan Miller

Q: Is there an NFL player you try and model your game after?

A: Well he doesn't play anymore, and, actually, he isn't alive anymore and that's Walter Payton. I remember listening to an interview with him one time, I don't remember exactly word for word how it went but it was something to the effect, somebody asked him why he didn't celebrate when he made touch-

downs. It was his job to score touchdowns. He said it was his job to score touchdowns and if he celebrated it made it look like he didn't score a lot.

Q: Do you have any pre-game meals?

A: We usually mix it up. On the road games we eat buffet. I try not to eat too much because before the games I tend to get stomach cramps.

Q: Are there any superstitions you do on game day? Do you believe in them?

A: Not really, but that's a tricky question. In track when I pole vault I have certain things I do before I vault. On the football field, I don't

know, I don't really have any."

Q: Does your number have any special meaning? Did you pick it?

A: It was given to me when I got here, then after I got the number I tried to think of people in the NFL that had the number. Who were some great athletes that had the number? Steve Atwater comes to mind, he's 27 and was a big hitter. Kind of like him. He was known for hitting Christian Okoye at the line and knocking him back three or four yards. It's kind of a Mighty Mouse thing.

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Q: Do you have any nicknames?

A: "Some people call me Superman. I don't know if people are making fun of it or they mean it, but I like it. It sets me apart."

MEET THE 'CATS

Head Coach: Mel Tjeerdsma
Years at Northwest: Ninth season
Record at Northwest: 76-25 - .595

Overall Record: 146-63-4 - .695

2002 Roster

No.	Player	Pos.
1	Darryl Ridly	CB
2	Pat White	S
3	John McMenamin	WR
4	Morris White	WR
5	Andre Rector	WR
6	Jamaica Rector	WR
7	TJ Mandl	QB
8	Danny McNeally	LB
9	Grant Sutton	QB
10	Josh Lamberson	K
11	Travis Jackson	TE
12	Andy Hampton	TE
13	Jamie Martin	QB
14	Aaron Froehlich	QB
15	Jeff Netolicky	CB
16	Joel Mathews	CB
17	Diedre Calbert	

Are you ready for some football?

The Northwest football team went to work on Aug. 13, the first allowable day to practice.

With a little less than a month to prepare for the season opener against Nebraska-Omaha, the offense and defense faced off twice.

While the defense dominated both scrimmages, the offense is noted for its production during the season.

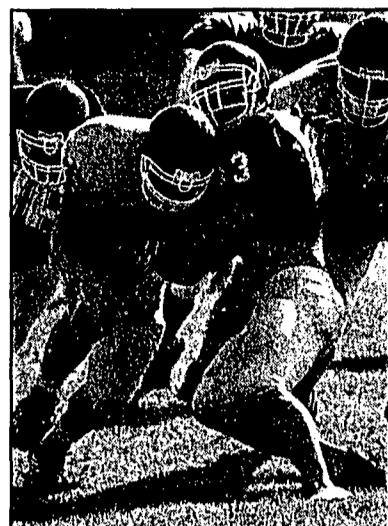
Last season senior quarterback John McMenamin averaged 304.5 yards passing per game.

With Freshman of The Year Jamaica Rector on one side of the ball and seven other receivers head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said could all play, McMenamin will not have any problems finding a target.

The defense is coming off a season where three leads slipped their grasps in the final minute.

With that fresh in their minds they are eager to atone and prove last season was a fluke.

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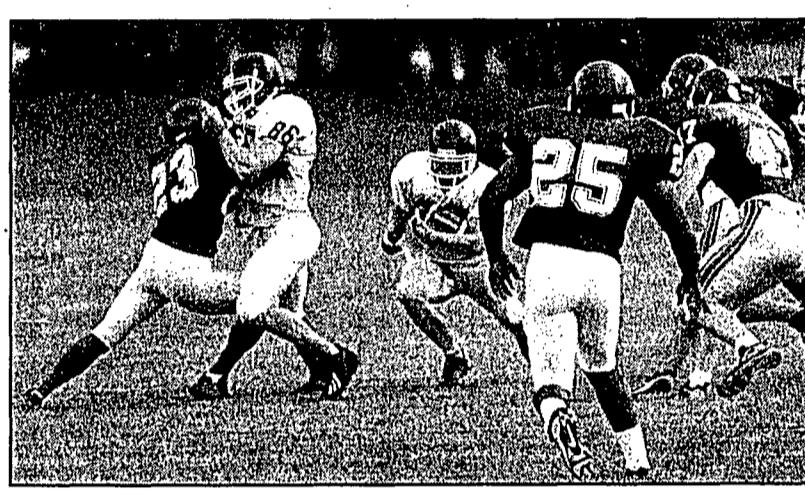
Junior fullback Sean Schafar tries to break sophomore Eric Goudge's tackle during the 'Cats' second fall scrimmage. Schafar holds the Iowa state record in football for most touchdowns in a season.



Junior defensive back Pat Whitt intercepts junior quarterback TJ Mandl's pass during the second fall scrimmage. Whitt returned the interception for a touchdown.



Senior Ryan Miller consoles junior Daryl Ridley after a pass interference call during an Aug. 23 scrimmage. Ridley will be a first year starter for the 'Cats, but he saw action in 10 games last year. He also led the team in recovered fumbles with two.



Junior Adam Otte splits a seam during a seven-on-seven drill during practice Monday. While Otte looks to make his break, junior safety Damien Chumley stares him down lining up a possible tackle. Chumley is a junior college transfer.



Junior fullback Sean Shafar is brought down from behind by sophomore Eric Goudge and junior Daryl Ridley. Goudge saw time as a long snapper last season and also recorded a sack.

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Q&A: Megan Danek

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

No. - 8. "My number was given to me. It was a new school so I thought a new number would do."

Major - Secondary math education

High School mascot - Lincoln Northeast Rocket

Favorite athlete - "Michael Jordan. He can come back and still be a star."

Q: Do you have any routines before games?
A: "I pretty much just sit and relax. I sit and think about the game and think about the team I'm playing."

Q: What is your favorite moment as a Bearcat?
A: "My freshman year we beat Truman State at their place and it was a big deal."

Q: Where is the best place to play volleyball?
A: "My favorite place to play is home at Bearcat Arena where the fans are behind you."

Q: As a freshman, did you expect to be a captain your senior year?
A: Yes, because playing in high school I always had to take the leadership role. As a setter I was taught you always take leadership roles. Being a setter here, I knew it was going to be important to step up as a captain or not."



PHOTO BY JOE KNUST/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior setter Megan Danek is no stranger to the MIAA. In 2000 as a sophomore, she led the conference in assists and was named honorable mention All-MIAA. As a true freshman, she earned second-team All-MIAA honors. She hails from Lincoln, Neb., where she was a Class A first-team all-state.

Continue from 2B

Volley

Junker will bring in some much-needed height to the team as middle-hitter. Junker started her collegiate career at North Iowa Area Community College where she earned first-team all-region honors as a freshman and a spot on the second-team all-region as sophomore.

The freshman class is highlighted by Sara Jones of Lincoln, Neb., and 6-foot-2 outside-hitter Allison Hyland of Omaha, Neb.

"The freshmen as a whole have all come in as a very strong class," Pelster said. "They are going to give us a lot of added depth in the hitting department."

With a team filled with experience and new players, Pelster sees only good things for this year's team.

"We're getting better with each practice," she said. "Right now what we need to do is make sure everybody knows offenses and defenses and we are going to build on that."

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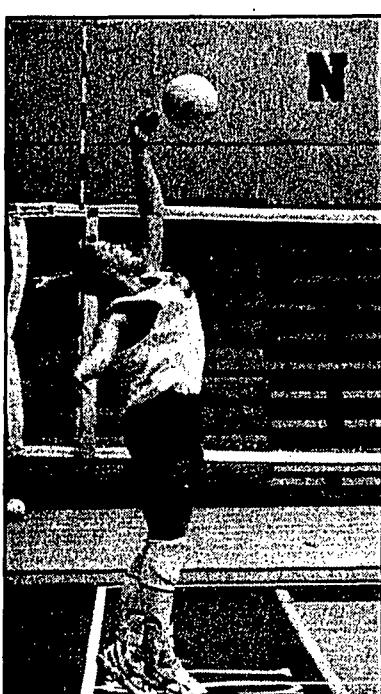


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Senior Heidi Hoffert attempts to spike the ball during practice drills Tuesday. The Bearcats will take part in this weekend's Ala.-Huntsville Tournament.



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Northwest men's and women's cross country

Cross Country teams go into year healthy

By BILL KNUST
ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

Rich Alsup, Northwest cross country coach, has a better feeling about this year's squad. At this time last year he had already lost four runners to injury. This year he has lost only one.

Crediting the team's strong offseason workouts, Northwest will have a healthy squad for the season opening Bearcat Distance Classic Sept. 7.

"It was kind of discouraging last year, because we went in thinking we were going to be really good," Alsup said. "So I am kind of reserved a little about what's going to happen. I really think this could be a special team, they all tested really well last week."

Alsup said junior Jamison Phillips picked up right where he left off and looks really strong in the preseason. He said it has been fun to watch Phillips and other runners grow over the years.

"You know Danny (Burns) was a great athlete coming in, but he was physically weak and he had a lot of maturing to do," Alsup said. "And those kids have done that. They're juniors now and I think they are going to be fantastic this year and maybe great next year."

The men were picked to finish seventh in the preseason, but Alsup and

the team expect to do better than that.

The women's team is also injury free and young. With just one senior, Heidi Baker, the 'Cats are loaded with youth, including 16 freshmen.

The team also returns top runner, sophomore Ashley Grosse. Grosse was more of a quiet leader last year, leading by example.

While she is still quiet this year, women's coach Vicki Wooten has noticed Grosse being a little more vocal.

"She's a little more outgoing than she was," Wooten said. "She is a real motivator, she is being a little bit of a stronger leader this year."

Wooten expects a much different team toward the end of the season.

"I think they will be a lot better than what the conference anticipates," she said. "When you have a lot of new freshmen in there, is no way to gage how you are going to do. I think as the season goes on we are going to get better with each meet."

Freshmen Julie Toebben and Dia McKee have shown promise in fall workouts, Wooten said.

"Julie came from a small school so she has never had a team to really run with," Wooten said. "She is running at the front of the pack and Dia is from outside of St. Louis and she put in a lot of miles over the summer."

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'CAT STATS

Men's Cross Country

Head Coach: Rich Alsup (26th season)
Key Returners: Sophomore, Sean Berger; Junior, Jamison Phillips.
Key Newcomers: Junior, Derrick Delanty; Senior, John Kasota.

MIAA Coaches Preseason Poll

School, (2001 conf. rank)
1. Truman (1, tie)
2. Missouri Southern (1, tie)
3. Central Missouri St. (3)
4. Pittsburg St. (4)
5. Emporia St. (5)
6. Missouri-Rolla (7)
7. Northwest Missouri St. (6)
8. Southwest Baptist (8)

Women's Cross Country

Head Coach: Vicki Wooten (fifth season)
Key Returners: Junior, Betsy Lee; Sophomore, Ashley Grosse
Key Newcomers: Freshman, Olga Braun; Freshman Lacey Jackson.

MIAA Coaches Preseason Poll

School, (2001 conf. rank)
1. Pittsburg St. (1)
2. Central Missouri St. (2)
3. Truman (3)
4. Missouri Southern (4)
5. Emporia St. (6)
6. Southwest Baptist (5)
7. Northwest Missouri St. (7)
8. Missouri-Rolla (8)

By the Numbers

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Number of freshmen on the women's roster which consist of 18 runners.

2002 SCHEDULE

9/7	NWMSU Bearcat Distance Classic	TBA
9/13	CMSU Mule Run	6:30 p.m.
9/21	Nebraska Woody Green Invite	10 a.m.
9/28	Missouri-Rolla Invite	TBA
10/4	Emporia State Invite	5 p.m.
10/11	Baker (Kan.) Invite	TBA
10/26	MIAA Championships	10 a.m.
11/9	NCAA Div. II South Central Reg.	10 a.m.

ible. I admire soccer players because soccer is my favorite sport. They also have to be in really great shape and they have to be able to have control with their feet, too.

Q: Do you have any superstitions on the day of the race?

A: I wear these headbands. One day at practice I just decided to wear a headband to keep the sweat out of my eyes and I did well that day. I've been wearing them ever since.

Q: Is it always the same one?

A: I make different ones.

Q: What goes through your mind when you are out there running?

A: Why? Why am I doing this? I'll sing songs to myself and it gives you a lot of time to think. I'll think about what's going on.

Q: So do you have the meaning of life yet?

A: No.

Q: Why do you run?

A: Because I like to compete. And I like to beat people and win. So I run.

Q: Whom in sports do you admire?

A: Lance Armstrong. What that guy has done is incred-

ible. I admire soccer players because soccer is my favorite sport. They also have to be in really great shape and they have to be able to have control with their feet, too.

Q: What's your favorite Coach Al saying?

A: (laughing) I like it best when he makes fun of my hair or goatee. My nickname right now is 'oh great one with hair of a woman.'

Q: Do you do a Coach Al impression?

A: Not as good as Burns (Danny Burns) but, (in Coach Alsup's voice) "so Jamo, are you going to cut your hair or something?"

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Since this is the beginning of the year, I'd like to comment on a few things. For those of you who have had the privilege of meeting a Campus Safety officer, you'll notice that strapped to their waist is not just a walkie-talkie, handcuffs and pepper-spray. This year Campus Safety officers finally get to feel like real members of law enforcement with glistening, high-powered handguns hanging from their hips. With Maryville's skyrocketing drug trade, burglary out of control, prostitution that runs rampant and crime that rivals that of large cities, it's nice to know we're surrounded by officers that drive through campus and "pack



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some heat" just in case.

Officers being unnecessarily armed aren't the only change on campus. Construction is everywhere this year and the University's overall construction plan takes the cake for the Stroller's What Were You Thinking? Award. Aside from draining Golden Pond weeks ago, closing various sidewalks and parking lots, closing the road in front of the Performing Arts Center leaves Your Man dumbfounded. University officials knew of construction projects and should have made sure they were completed over the summer months instead of inconveniencing 6,000 students and staff as the fall semester gets underway.

Northwest continues to impress with the removal of some general education re-

quirements. Apparently, despite the fact that Americans in general are part of the fattest nation in the world and health care costs continue to rise, University officials didn't think a general health education class should be required. And all of our students must be computer experts when they get here because an introductory computer class was removed as well. Who really needs to know how to use a computer in today's high tech world besides business majors anyway?

Finally, hitting everyone the most is the state budget crunch. Tuition has been increased, a "surcharge" has been added to every credit hour, departments have been combined, programs have been cut and there doesn't seem to be any help in sight. While the University has little control over the state budget, the situation remains the same.

Well, as you wrap up your first week of school, make sure you keep your hands where Campus Safety officers can see them, avoid falling into large construction pits, do a couple jumping jacks when you wake up in the morning and save your money. It's going to be a very interesting year.

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Girls & Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



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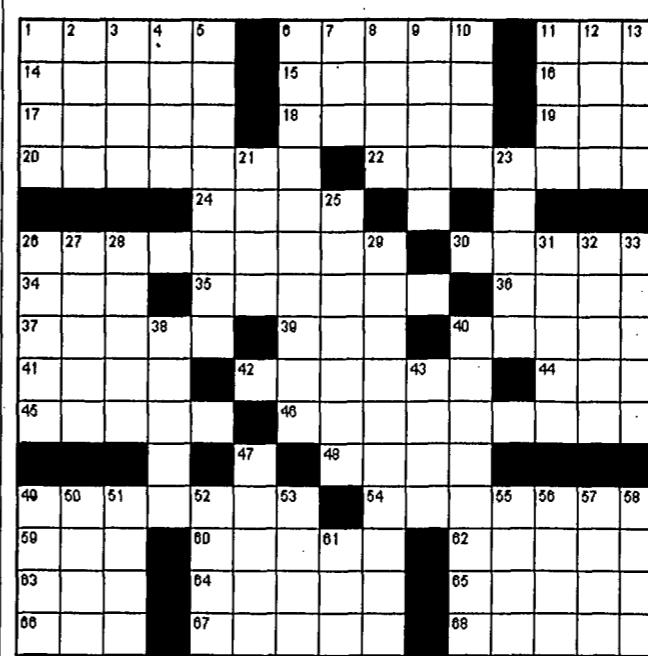
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1. Destroy by immersion
6. Relaxed
11. TV network
14. R on the radio
15. From that time
16. Of the month preceding
17. Consumers
18. Part of the back
19. Son
20. Central California town
22. Salt of gallic acid
24. Acquires
26. E.g Gates,
30. Lacking leadership
34. Jackdaw
35. Irish playwright (1,1,4)
36. Stubbornly unyielding
37. Trickles
39. Flaxen fiber
40. Deed
41. Reproductive bodies
42. Distance
44. Leaf drink
45. Lumbersome machine
46. Smoky quartz
48. Group disorder
49. Heaths
54. Silly talk
59. Wrath
60. Literary genre (3-2)
62. Healed
63. Louse egg
64. Female form of address
65. Depart
66. Empty talk
67. Scandinavian
68. Male name

Down

1. Container
2. Female name
3. Sign of something about to happen
4. Ancient "were"
5. Horses'

mealholders
6. Expository
7. Point
8. Obstacle
9. Dash
10. Dingle
11. W Indies island
12. Blemish
13. Hordeolum
21. Restraint
23. Tanzanian seaport
25. Student
26. Bovine mamma
27. Grand
28. Slender shoots
29. HST (6,4)
31. Bingo
32. Swiss mathematician
33. Sleep images
38. Sacred text

40. Feeler
43. Swell
47. Colorful parrot
49. Elvis' nickname
50. Melody
51. Rents out
52. Systems of belief
53. Aspect
55. Prearranged fight between two persons

56. Pull out
57. S Matthew's first name
58. Delightful region
61. Craze

Answers can be found on page 5A

on the edge

Construction facts:

■ Czar Nicholas II considered the construction of an electric fence around Russia and expressed interest in building a bridge across the Bering Straits.

■ After 94 years of construction, the Mexico Cathedral was completed in 1667.

■ Construction on the Berlin Wall began in 1961.

■ In size, materials, and human labor, the Great Wall of China is the largest construction project ever undertaken by man.

■ Suspension of the construction of the Washington Monument, at the 153-foot level, was forced by the anti-Catholic Know-Nothing movement, which was offended by Pope Pius IX's gift of a block of marble from Rome's Temple of Concord. The suspension lasted 26 years. Work resumed in 1880 and the monument was completed in 1888.

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Fraternities

- Nickname: Ag Rho
- Address: 950 S. Main
- Chapter phone: 562-4677
- GPA: 2.25
- GPA for officers: 2.35
- Founded nationally: Ohio State University, 1904
- Founded at Northwest: 1990
- Colors: Green and gold
- Philanthropy: Gerontology

Alpha Kappa Lambda

- Nickname: AKL
- Address: 421 W. 16th
- Chapter phone: 562-3048
- GPA: 2.0
- GPA for officers: 2.0
- Founded nationally: University of California-Berkeley, 1907
- Founded at Northwest: 1963
- Colors: Purple and gold
- Philanthropies: Cystic Fibrosis, "These Hands Don't Hurt" Domestic Violence

Alpha Phi Alpha

- Nickname: Alpha Phi
- Campus Address: 800 University Drive
- Chapter Phone: 562-2434
- Colors: Black and gold
- Founded nationally: Cornell University, 1906
- Founded at Northwest: 1988
- Philanthropies: Disaster relief, area group homes

Delta Chi

- Nickname: D-Chi
- Address: 219 W. Second
- Chapter phone: 562-2100 or 562-DCHI
- Founded nationally: Cornell University, 1890
- Founded at Northwest: 1968
- Colors: Red and buff
- Philanthropy: Oxfam International Red Cross
- GPA: 2.25
- GPA for Officers: 2.25

Delta Sigma Phi

- Nickname: Delta Sig
- Address: 622 N. Walnut
- Chapter phone: 562-2781
- GPA: 2.3
- Founded nationally: College of the City of New York, 1899
- Founded at Northwest: 1968
- Colors: Nile green and white
- Philanthropies: March of Dimes, Camp Quality

Kappa Sigma

- Nickname: Kappa Sigs
- Address: 302 S. Main
- Chapter phone: 562-2819
- GPA: 2.25
- GPA for officers: 2.0
- Founded nationally: University of Virginia, 1869
- Founded internationally: Bologna, Italy, 1400
- Founded at Northwest: 1995
- Colors: Scarlet, white and emerald green
- Philanthropies: Muscular Dystrophy, American Cancer Society



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Lunch with the Greeks, which provided information and free food rounded out festivities during Advantage Week Sunday. Stephanie Doolittle, elementary education, received food from Chris Holder from Interfraternity Council. Fraternity Rush begins Thursday.

Phi Sigma Kappa

- Nickname: Phi Sig
- Address: 940 College Ave.
- Chapter phone: 562-3559
- GPA: 2.3
- GPA for officers: 2.3
- Founded nationally: University of Massachusetts, 1873
- Founded at Northwest: 1938
- Colors: Silver and red
- Philanthropy: Special Olympics

Sigma Phi Epsilon

- Nickname: Sig Ep
- Address: 530 W. Ninth
- Chapter phone: 562-2818
- GPA: 2.5
- GPA for officers: 2.5
- Founded nationally: Richmond College, 1901
- Founded at Northwest: 1980
- Colors: Purple and red
- Philanthropy: A.L.S. (Lou Gehrig's Disease)

Sigma Tau Gamma

- Nickname: Sig Tau

- Address: 631 Prather Ave.
- Chapter phone: 562-2514
- GPA: 2.0
- GPA for officers: 2.0
- Founded nationally: Central Missouri State University, 1920
- Founded at Northwest: 1927
- Colors: Azure blue and white
- Philanthropy: Bacchus/Gamma

Tau Kappa Epsilon

- Nickname: Teke
- Address: 555 W. Ninth
- Chapter phone: 582-8756
- GPA: 2.25
- Founded nationally: Illinois Wesleyan University, 1899
- Founded at Northwest: 1954
- Colors: Cherry red and gray
- Philanthropy: Special Olympics

Sororities

- Nickname: Alphas
- Flower: Narcissus and aster
- Colors: Crimson and pearl white
- Jewel: Pearl and ruby

- Founded nationally: Longwood College, Farmville, Va., 1901
- Founded at Northwest: 1928
- Symbol: Raggedy Ann
- Philanthropies: Special Olympics, Saint June Smith Center
- GPA: 2.75 high school, 2.5 college
- GPA for officers: 2.35 cumulative

Delta Zeta

- Nickname: Dee Zees
- Flower: Killarney Rose
- Colors: Old rose and vieux green
- Jewel: Diamond
- Founded nationally: Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, 1902
- Founded at Northwest: 1956
- Symbol: Turtle
- Philanthropies: Speech and Hearing Impaired, Gallaudet University and House and Ear Institute
- GPA: 2.5 cumulative
- GPA for officers: 2.5 cumulative

Phi Mu

- Nickname: Phi Mu
- Flower: Rose carnation
- Colors: Rose and white
- Jewel: Pearl and ruby
- Founded nationally: Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga., 1852
- Founded at Northwest: 1962
- Symbol: Lion
- Philanthropies: Childrens Miracle Network and Project Hope
- GPA: 2.5 high school, 2.25 college
- GPA for officers: 2.25 cumulative

Sigma Alpha

- Nickname: Sigma Alphas
- Flower: Yellow chrysanthemum
- Colors: Emerald and maize
- Founded nationally: Ohio State University, Columbus, 1978
- Founded at Northwest: 1995
- Symbol: Baby bull
- Philanthropy: American Cancer Society
- GPA: 2.25 cumulative
- GPA for officers: 2.5 cumulative

Sigma Kappa

- Nickname: Sig Kaps
- Flower: Violet
- Colors: Lavender and maroon
- Jewel: Pearl
- Founded nationally: Colby College, Waterville, Maine, 1874
- Founded at Northwest: 1995
- Symbols: Heart and dove
- Philanthropies: Gerontology, Alzheimer's disease, Maine Sea Coast and Inherit the Earth
- GPA: 2.8 high school, 2.5 college
- GPA for officers: 2.5 cumulative

Sigma Sigma Sigma

- Nickname: Sigmas
- Flower: Violet
- Colors: Royal purple and white
- Jewel: Pearl
- Founded nationally: Longwood College, Farmville, Va., 1898
- Founded at Northwest: 1920
- Symbol: Sailboat
- Philanthropies: Robbie Page Memorial, SOS (Speak Out for Stephanie)
- GPA: 2.5 high school and college
- GPA for officers: 2.5 cumulative

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Central Missouri State University



LOCATION: WARRENSBURG
COLORS: CARDINAL & BLACK
FOUNDED: 1871
ENROLLMENT: 11,000

From 1921 to 1974, both the men's and women's athletic teams were known as the Mules. Central's newspaper, the *Muleskinner*, sponsored a contest to name the women's athletic teams. The Jennies were chosen as the winner from the 34 possibilities.

Emporia State University



LOCATION: EMPORIA, KAN.
COLORS: OLD GOLD & BLACK
FOUNDED: 1863
ENROLLMENT: 5,616

Emporia used a total of two mascots before deciding on its current mascot — the Hornets.

At first, they were called the Yaps because of the amount of yapping the students did during class during the 1930s.

The name was then changed to the Yellow Jackets because in the '30s the men wore yellow sweaters with black stripes.

The final change came in 1936 when, to save space in headlines, Yellow Jackets was changed to Hornets, with the mascot's name being Corky.

University of Missouri-Rolla



LOCATION: ROLLA
COLORS: SILVER & GOLD
FOUNDED: 1870
ENROLLMENT: 4,000

Rolla's road to a mascot was a much simpler trek than other schools in the conference. Because the name of the school originally was the Missouri School of Mines, it was a perfect fit to make its mascot the Miners.

Missouri Southern State College



LOCATION: JOPLIN
COLORS: GREEN & GOLD
FOUNDED: 1937
ENROLLMENT: 5,740

Down in Joplin, the mascots of Missouri Southern are known as the Lions and Lady Lions. How did the school get the mascot? We don't know. Information sources at the school were unable to tell us why the Lions are the Lions. So much for school heritage.

Missouri Western State College



LOCATION: ST. JOSEPH
COLORS: BLACK & GOLD
FOUNDED: 1969
ENROLLMENT: 5,167

Missouri Western's mascot is the Griffin, which is a mythical creature consisting of a lion's body and the head and wings of an eagle. It is intended to represent the great strength of a lion and the skill and cunning of an eagle.

For women's athletics, the team was known as

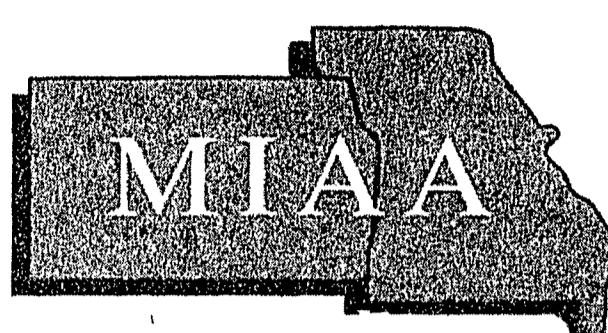
Meet our rivals

MIAA includes 10 area colleges

The Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, a 10-member conference of NCAA Division II institutions in Missouri and Kansas, was first organized in 1912 as the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Through the past 20 years, the league has undergone several changes, highlighted by expansion and increased participation in national championships.

The MIAA has gained the reputation of being one of the top NCAA Division II conferences in the nation. MIAA student-athletes have won 11 national team championships and more than 100 individual national titles.



The MIAA currently conducts conference championships in eight men's and eight women's sports. Men's championships include football, cross country, basketball, indoor and outdoor track and field, baseball, tennis and golf. Women's champions are determined in volleyball, soccer, cross country, basketball, indoor and outdoor track and field, softball and tennis.

Ralph McFillen, formerly of the Metro and Gulf South conferences, succeeded Ken B. Jones as commissioner of the MIAA in July 1997. Matt Newberry, previously the assistant sports information director at Pittsburg State University, is in his ninth year as the league's director of sports information.

Pittsburg State University



LOCATION: PITTSBURG, KAN.
COLORS: CRIMSON & GOLD
FOUNDED: 1903
ENROLLMENT: 6,377

Gus the Gorilla has been Pitt State's mascot since 1920 when a group of male students was dissatisfied with the state of school spirit and organized itself as the Gorillas.

In 1952, Gus found a girlfriend, Gussie. However, it was not until 1974, when women's athletics began, that they were called the Gussies. But on Oct. 31, 1989, the women's athletic teams voted to change their name back to the Gorillas.

Pitt State is the only college or university in the country to have the Gorilla as its mascot for both its men's and women's teams.

Southwest Baptist State University



LOCATION: BOLIVAR
COLORS: PURPLE & WHITE
FOUNDED: 1878
ENROLLMENT: 3,000

We are not the only Bearcats around. The other Bearcat is Southwest Baptist. The men's teams are known as the Bearcats. They are recognized by their purple and white colors.

Jealous? Don't be. We're still the bigger Bearcat. The private school's enrollment size is about half of ours.

Truman State University



LOCATION: KIRKSVILLE
COLORS: PURPLE & WHITE
FOUNDED: 1867
ENROLLMENT: 6,000

Formerly Northeast Missouri State University, Truman's mascot has been referred to as the Bulldog since 1908, but was not official until 1915. That name was recommended by the late President Emeritus Walter H. Ryle, because of the beast's tenacity and ability to hold on and fight desperately until the end.

Washburn University



LOCATION: TOPEKA, KAN.
COLORS: BLUE & WHITE
FOUNDED: 1865
ENROLLMENT: 6,500

The Washburn Ichabods took a different route to naming their mascot. The mascot is named after Ichabod Washburn, a co-founder of Washburn and Moen Manufacturing, who was an early benefactor of the university.

In 1869, Lincoln College, as it used to be known, fell upon financial troubles. Washburn gave the college \$25,000 and the school was then renamed Washburn College for his donation.

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2003 TOWER YEARBOOK PORTRAITS

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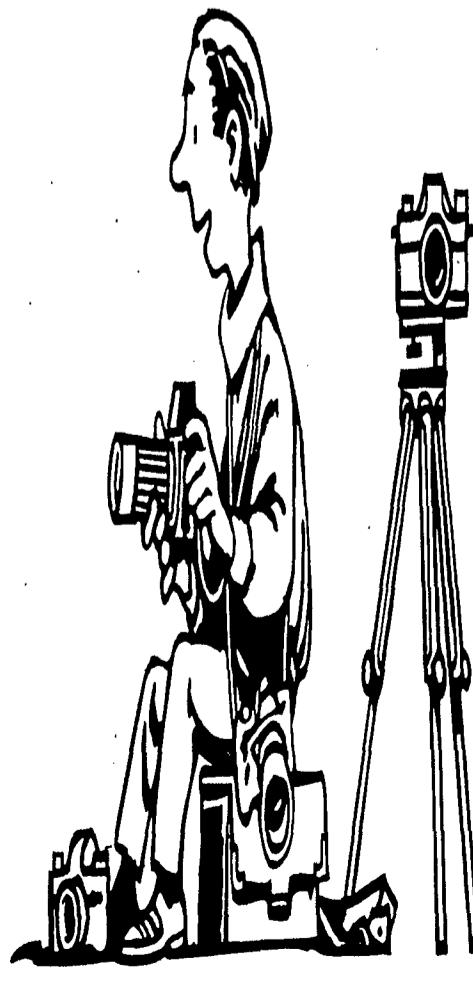
Sept. 9 & 10: Seniors and Academy
Sept. 11-19: All Northwest Students

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service opportunities in a religious context. All of these elements fit together in a manner that can enhance your stay in Maryville and Northwest.

Other schools in Missouri offer degrees that are available at Northwest, but these other schools do not have the strengths offered by Northwest people. The faculty, staff and administration endeavor to provide the services necessary to make your educational experience the best possible. It is Northwest people that are concerned about your experiences, people that are trained to provide you the services and education you desire, people that make a real difference in the quality of education you will receive.

Maryville provides Mozingo Lake Park that offers water recreation opportunities, sheltered picnic areas, a beach, hiking trails, camping facilities, golf and other outdoor activities. Your physical activity is important as is your academic activity and these opportunities are available.

I hope that your experience at Northwest and in Maryville is a good one. You can be one of the Northwest people that provide good experiences for all residents of this area. You may participate in the activities that can make this area and your stay here one of the best in your life. Welcome to Northwest, welcome to Maryville and welcome to one of the best areas in the state. Make it a good year for yourself.

Big Paws to Fill

Students new to Northwest enjoy a weekend of food, entertainment and lessons in the Bearcat way of life



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Students enjoyed free hamburgers and hotdogs at Live at the Belltower Thursday. Most students had moved into their residence halls that afternoon.

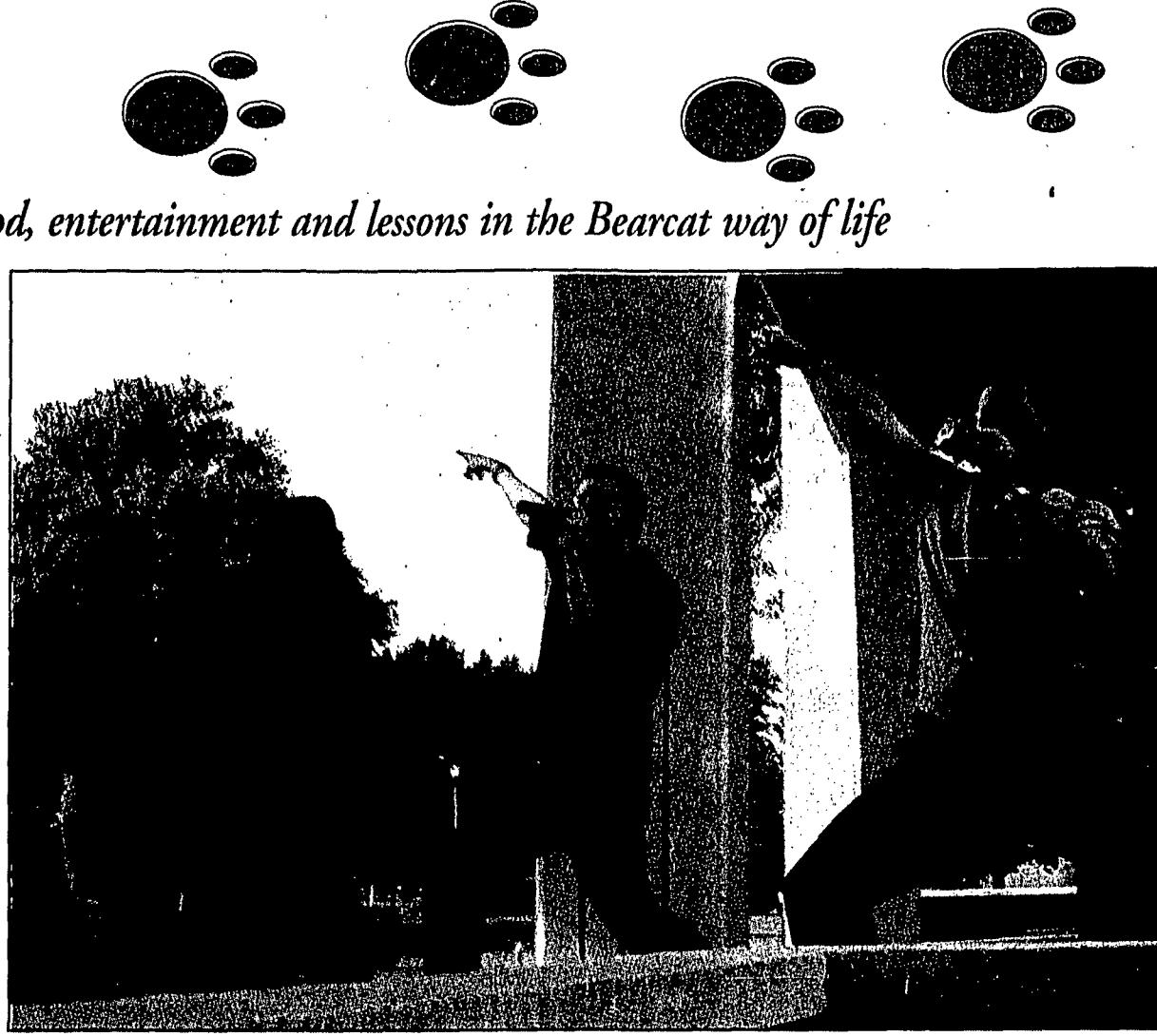
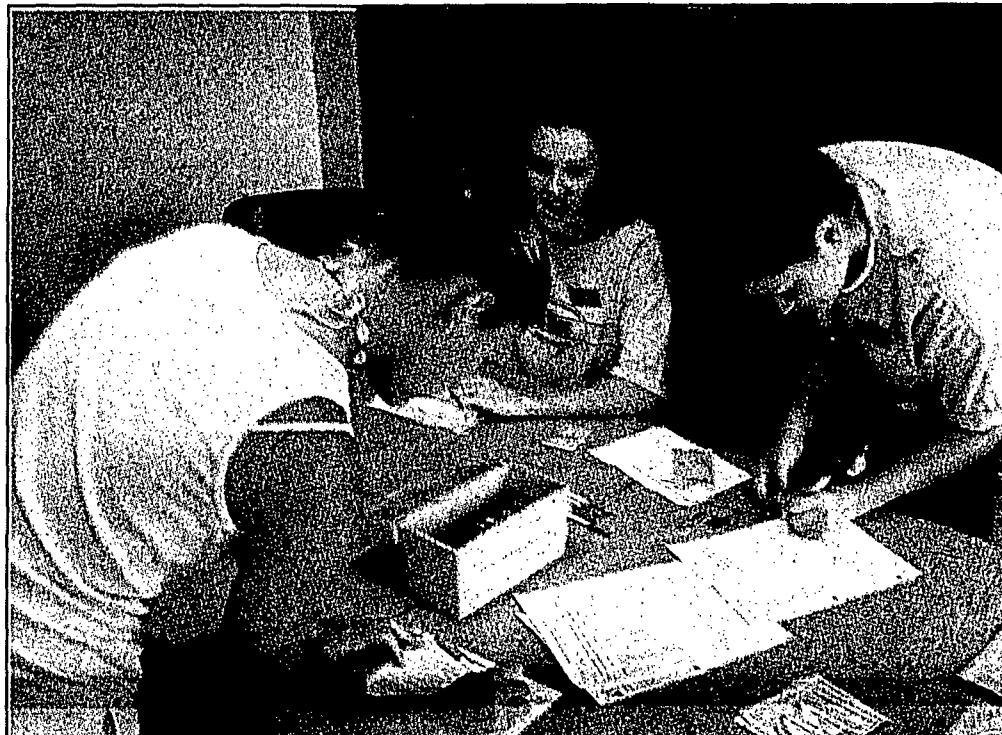


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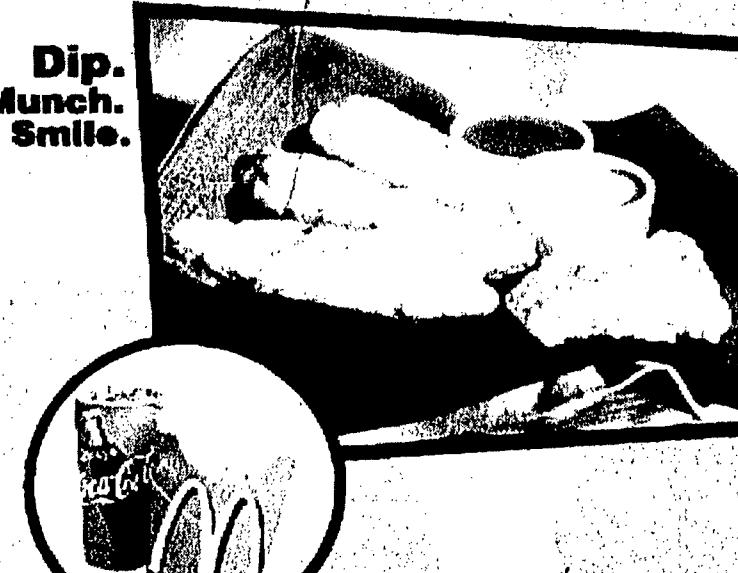
Freshman Cassi Vorhmann, undecided, finishes all of her paperwork on move-in day, in the lobby of fifth floor Dieterich as R.A.s Kim Campbell and Mandy Dozark look on. Advantage Week provided information and activities for freshman and transfer students all weekend.

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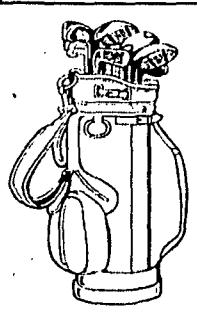
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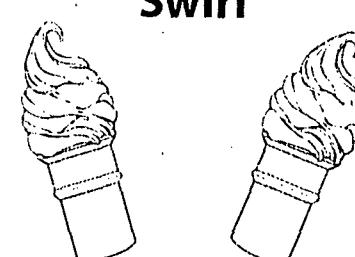
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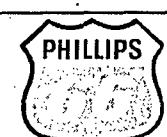
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